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UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 24 P.M.	No. 25 P.M.
Kowloon	Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	3.35	5.00	4.30	5.45	7.50												
Yauwalei	Dep.	8.49	8.14	8.39	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	3.44	5.09	4.39	5.54	8.00												
Shatin	Dep.	7.01	7.26	7.51	8.31	9.21	10.21	1.36	3.56	5.21	4.51	6.06	8.11												
Taipei	Dep.	7.15	7.40	8.05	8.45	9.35	10.35	1.50	4.10	5.35	5.05	6.20	8.25												
Taipei Market	Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.10	8.50	9.40	10.40	1.55	4.15	5.40	5.10	6.25	8.30												
Fanning	Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	9.00	9.50	10.50	2.05	4.25	5.50	5.20	6.35	8.40												
Shungahai	Dep.	7.35	8.00	8.25	9.05	9.55	10.55	2.10	4.30	5.55	5.25	6.40	8.45												
Shumachen	Dep.	7.41	8.06	8.31	9.11	10.01	11.01	2.16	4.36	6.01	5.31	6.46	8.51												
Canton	Arr.	11.50	11.55	12.00	12.40	13.30	14.30	15.45	16.05	17.20	17.50	19.05	20.15												

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 24 P.M.	No. 25 P.M.
Canton	Dep.	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	3.35	5.00	4.30	5.45	7.50													
Shumachen	Arr.	7.18	7.43	8.08	8.48	9.38	10.38	1.53	4.13	5.38	5.08	6.23	8.28												
Shungahai	Dep.	7.25	7.50	8.15	8.55	9.45	10.45	2.00	4.20	5.45	5.15	6.30	8.35												
Fanning	Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	9.00	9.50	10.50	2.05	4.25	5.50	5.20	6.35	8.40												
Taipei Market	Dep.	7.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	11.00	2.15	4.35	6.00	5.30	6.45	8.50												
Taipei	Dep.	7.45	8.20	8.45	9.25	10.15	11.15	2.20	4.40	6.05	5.35	6.50	8.55												
Shatin	Dep.	7.55	8.30	8.55	9.35	10.25	11.25	2.30	4.50	6.15	5.45	7.00	9.05												
Yauwalei	Dep.	8.11	8.36	9.01	9.41	10.31	11.31	2.40	5.00	6.25	5.55	7.10	9.15												
Kowloon	Arr.	8.17	8.42	9.07	9.47	10.37	11.37	2.46	5.06	6.31	6.01	7.16	9.21												

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LOVERS MEET BY TELEVISION.

"I WONDER HOW I LOOKED."

LINER ROMANCE.

MIRRORED FROM LONDON STUDIO TO "BEREN GARIA."

LONDON, March 10th.
The first lovers meeting by television took place in the early hours of to-day, when the smiling face of a London girl was seen by her sweetheart in mid-Atlantic.

The girl is Miss Dora Selby, a City telephone operator, living in the Paddington district. She arrived at the Long Acre laboratory of the Baird Television Development Company at 1 a.m. to-day, and for a quarter of an hour sat in front of the transmitter, smiling, nodding, turning her head and beckoning.

Mr. S. W. Brown, her fiancé, the chief wireless operator of the Cunard liner *Berengaria*, was sitting in front of the portable television receiver on board. He was able to observe her every movement. "It was quite a thrill," Miss Selby told the *Evening Standard*. "It was an awful strain to sit without saying anything when I knew my fiancé was watching me all the time some 1,600 miles away. At last I was hoping he was watching me. When his wireless message came a few hours later, I knew that he had seen me."

"Although there were several of us in Long Acre, taking turns at sitting in front of the transmitter, Mr. Brown's wireless message says that he identified me at first by my hair, and when I turned my head, by my profile."

"I am very excited about it. I should like to know how I have been seen."

"Recognised Beyond Doubt."

Captain Hutchinson, managing director of the Baird Television Company, sent the following message to the Press Association:—

Spectators aboard the *Berengaria* saw moving faces and a recognisable human being. The chief wireless operator, Brown, saw his fiancée. He recognised her when she appeared on the screen by her characteristic method of hair-dressing. The recognition was beyond doubt when she turned her profile.

The message goes on to state that Captain Hutchinson, managing director of the Baird Television Company, and Mr. Benjamin Clapp, chief engineer of the company, were on board. The demonstration lasted two hours. At times the vision from London was remarkably clear.

The demonstration was rather a rushed affair, as it was only decided 24 hours before the *Berengaria* left New York (she is on her way to Southampton) to make the attempt.

First Mid-Ocean Attempt.

The message goes on:—
"This is the first time television has been attempted in mid-ocean. The prospects of this achievement opens up can well be imagined. The television used was only slightly different from that used in the London to New York demonstration."

"Mr. Brown said it was the most thrilling experience he had ever encountered, and he looked forward eagerly to the immediate commercial development of this wonderful science. A special point was that the ship's radio continued its usual operation during the whole of the test."

"The photographs are being posted."

"The Image Sound."

The image sound was formed at Long-acre, put on the land line to Purley, broadcast there on 45 metres, and picked up by the *Berengaria* on her short wave set. A Press representative was invited to attend the transmission from London. He stated to-day:—

"After the transatlantic television tests, when, much to my surprise, I found I had a good television face, I gave the matter no further thought."

"Occasionally I listened at night to television and other short wave transmissions. This I was doing last night when a taxi-driver delivered a letter. It was from the Baird Television Development Company and begged me to go down and be televised, ending with 'The *Berengaria* is specially asking for you.'"

"In the laboratory at Long-acre I was told: 'Behave as though you were talking to the people in the (Continued on next column).'"

CROWD RUSH THEATRE.

CHARITY PERFORMANCE AT LYCEUM.

FAINTING WOMEN.

LONDON, March 16th.
Extraordinary scenes took place at the Lyceum Theatre, Strand, last night when some 20 police tried to control a crowd—estimated at 7,000—of people who had been standing all the afternoon in a queue in the hope of seeing the variety performance given in aid of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road.

The whole of the island site was surrounded by the queue, which was four deep, and within ten minutes of the opening of the theatre's doors all the unreserved parts, pit, gallery, and pit stalls, were full.

Exeter-street, Tavistock-street, and Wellington-street were impassable, and traffic in the Strand became disorganised. Many women fainted in the crush.

Ticket-holders Guarded.

The queue stretched up Burlington-street to Covent Garden, and when it was announced that the gallery was full an attempt was made to rush the doors, and extra police were sent to reinforce the men guarding the pit entrance, to which hundreds of people hurried from the gallery doors.

Five constables struggled to get the pit doors closed, while others tried to prevent the crowd from rushing the entrance. From the pit the crowd surged to the front of the house; and within a few minutes the main staircase was thronged with people clamouring for admission.

Meanwhile, ticket-holders had to be escorted through the crowd by constables who pushed a way through.

Finally, more police arrived and lined the main entrance, but it was more than half an hour before the street was cleared.

MAN KILLED ON GREAT PYRAMID.

LONDONER FALLS FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

CAIRO, March 16th.
Thousands of tourists and residents who crowded the neighbourhood of the Great Pyramid yesterday afternoon as usual every Sunday in the winter season, were suddenly startled by a piercing shriek from a spot near the top of the Great Pyramid.

All eyes were turned to the summit, and people could see a man tumbling down, bumping from one great stone to another. Finally he landed at the bottom, where he was picked up dead. His skull and many other bones were smashed.

On Leave.

The dead man was Constable F. H. Reed, of the British gendarmier in Palestine, who was on a week's leave in Cairo. He accepted the Great Pyramid, with a friend, Corporal Dimmock, of the R.A.S.O., who is engaged to Reed's sister, and a native guide. They had tea from vacuum flasks at the summit, and then began to descend, Dimmock leading.

It is believed that Reed's attention was distracted by another party on the way upwards, and that in an inattentive moment he missed his footing. The first that Dimmock knew of any accident was when Reed came tumbling past him vainly endeavouring to arrest his fall by clutching the Pyramid stones.

Reed was a Londoner, and twenty-six years old. He joined the gendarmier last year.

The Great Pyramid is 451 feet high, nearly 100 feet higher than St. Paul's Cathedral.

With the aid of a laboratory assistant to act as 'audience,' I did my best, telling him a funny story to give life to my movement and help to pass the 15 minutes I had to sit before the instrument."

The Small Transmitter.

Mr. Baird was delighted with the experiment. "This shows you do not need either a big plant or months of preparation, nor yet a stable building in order to receive television," he said.

The transmitter was not as large as the ordinary suitcase. It was merely set up in a ship's cabin in the middle of the ocean and surrounded by the disturbing electrical motors of the ship. Yet it picked up London successfully.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

(April 17th.)

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. v. 3/15th Punjab on the R.N.U.S.C. ground, 5 p.m.

Garrison Rifle Meeting.

Inspection of Police by H.E. the Governor, 4 p.m.

Annual Meeting of Bibliotheque Francaise, French Consulate, 5 p.m.

The Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Lady of the Harem."

World Theatre: 5.15 and 8.20

"Love's Blindness" other houses "Retaliation."

Star Theatre: "Excuse Me."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Preston Pierce), 5 p.m.

Wednesday.

(April 18th.)

Fanning Hunt: Meet at Mr. Souza's Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Garrison Rifle Meeting.

Lecture at University by H.E. the Governor on "Elements in an analysis of thought and its activities," 5 p.m.

Diocesan Old Girl's Association 2nd Annual General Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Gay Retreat."

World Theatre: 5.15 and 8.20

"Love's Blindness" other houses "Retaliation."

Star Theatre: "Excuse Me."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Sardapont), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Vancouver and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 10 a.m.

Thursday.

(April 19th.)

Garrison Rifle Meeting.

Queen's Theatre: "The Gay Retreat."

World Theatre: "A Man's Past."

Star Theatre: "The Honey Moon Express."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Protestant), 10.30 a.m.

Friday.

(April 20th.)

Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club, 8 p.m.

Smoking Concert Royal Artillery Association R.E. Theatre.

Dinner to Hong Kong European Medical practitioners by Chinese Medical Association.

Queen's Theatre: "The Gay Retreat."

World Theatre: "A Man's Past."

Star Theatre: "The Honey Moon Express."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Shantung), 5 p.m.

Saturday.

(April 21st.)

Fanning Hunt: Col. Hayley Bell's Hunt Ride. Meet Shung Shui Police Station, 2.45 p.m.

St. Peter's Club Marathon Race, 3 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Gay Retreat."

World Theatre: "A Man's Past."

Star Theatre: "The Honey Moon Express."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Jeppore), Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Suva Maru), 9.30 a.m.

Sunday.

(April 22nd.)

Golf: Final Junior Sec. Championship.

Fanning Hunt: Meet Mr. Potts Bungalow, 7 a.m.

Portuguese Coy. Fire Part I. Table T at St. Michael's.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

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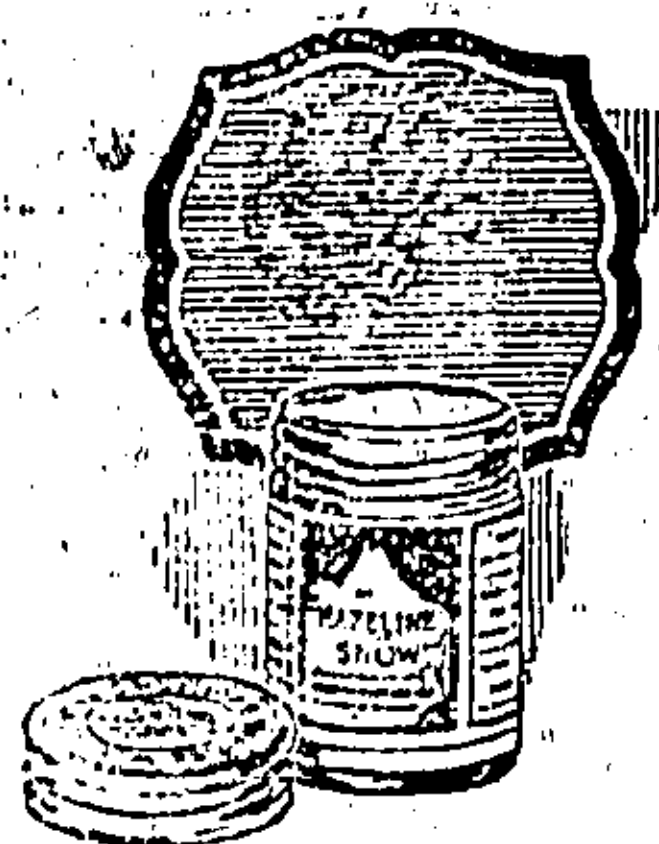
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LETTERS TO A RECTOR.

"I MUST MARRY YOU."

COURT FORBIDS WOMAN TO
ENTER VILLAGE.

**BRAWLING IN CHURCH WITH
MOTHER.**

BARNSTABLE.

A remarkable story of a woman's
conduct towards the rector of a
village and an amazing scene in
his church, in which she and her
mother figured, was told to the
magistrates at Combe Martin.

Miss Aimée de Beaumont Beau-
mont-Checkland and her mother,
Mrs. de Beaumont Beaumont-Check-
land, of Torre Park, Ilfracombe,
were charged at the instance of the
rector of Combe Martin, the Rev.
Richard Seymour, with riotous and
violent behaviour in Combe Martin
Church after Evensong on Febru-
ary 27th.

The daughter did not appear, and
her mother said she did not know
her present whereabouts.

The mother is a woman of means,
and Mr. G. F. Lefroy, who prose-
cuted, said a fine would be of no
use. It was an exceptional case
that demanded exceptional re-
medies.

His "Good Spirit."

Life, he said, was intolerable for
the rector and many other people
in Combe Martin as a result of the
younger defendant's conduct. She
wrote letters to the rector, and
there was hardly any subject she
had not touched upon. She pro-
fessed to be in communication with
his late wife. She said she was his
"good spirit" and must marry him.

The rector in evidence said he
had suffered annoyance from the
younger defendant for two or three
years, during which time she had
been attending his church. She
harassed and caused general annoy-
ance to those near her.

He wrote to the bishop to inquire
if it were possible to refuse her
admission to the church, as she was
not a parishioner. The bishop re-
plied that he could not do that, but
a sent could be allotted to her and
the churchwardens could see that
she always sat in it. This was
done.

Church Door Bolted.

After evensong on February 27th,
owing to her conduct, he requested
her to leave the church and not be-
have in such an irreverent and un-
seemly manner. She called him a
coward and said she did not want
to marry him now and that if he
wished he could marry any of the
widows who attended the church.

She bolted the church door and
refused to leave, and a policeman
was sent for. The disturbance was
worse on the arrival of her mother.

Miss Seymour, the rector's sister,
who was in church at the time, said
Miss Beaumont-Checkland told her
she knew she (Miss Seymour) did
not want her brother to marry her,
but that she was going to because
she loved him. She also said it was
absurd to think he could go on as
he was, as a man could not live
alone.

When a policeman was sent for
she cried, "Cowardly, cowardly
custard. Go for a policeman!"

Bench's Conditions.

The Bench bound her over for
twelve months in the sum of £100
and two sureties of a like amount,
and also ordered that she should
not enter Combe Martin again or
communicate with or annoy the
rector in any way.

The mother pleaded not guilty.
The rector said that when he sug-
gested she should try to get her
daughter away she began to revile
him as much as her daughter.

Mrs. Beaumont-Checkland said
her daughter suffered at times from
violent hysteria and she went to
the church to get her away quietly.

Mr. Lefroy read extracts from a
letter which, he said, showed Mrs.
Beaumont-Checkland to be animat-
ed by very much the same feelings.
The magistrates fined the mother
£5 and allowed an advocate's fee of
£2 2s.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Requy, April 15th.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.04
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Berlin	20.41 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.72 1/2
Helsingfors	194
Lisbon	2 1/2
Bucharest	750
Buenos Aires	47.13/16
New York	4.88 11/32
Geneva	34.34
Milan	92.50
Stockholm	18.17 1/2
Oslo	18.20
Prague	194 1/2
Madrid	29.03 1/2
Athens	37.4
Rio	5.50/64
Bombay	1/53 31/32
Yokohama	1/11 17/32
Shanghai	2/04
Hong Kong	2/04
Silver, spot & forward	2/6 3/16

MAN STILL A BABE.

MYSTERIES OF THE
UNIVERSE.

THE SUN'S HORSE-POWER.

Dr. J. H. Jeans, the secretary of
the Royal Society, lecturing before
the Royal Society of Arts, related
a romance of scientific discovery
regarding the immunities of the
universe.

The revelations he made were
emphasised by contrasting them
with the fact that although 10,000
generations of men have walked
the earth for 300,000 years, human-
ity, looked at on the astronomical
time-scale, is only at the very
beginning of its existence—a new-
born babe with all the unexplored
potentialities of babyhood.

A Million Years Hence.

Some of the remarkable state-
ments Dr. Jeans made were:

A million million years hence,
so far as we can foresee, the sun
will still be much as now, and the
earth will be revolving round it
much as now. The year will be
a little longer and the climate
quite a lot colder, while the rich
accumulated stores of coal, oil,
and forest will have long been
burnt up; but there is no reason
why our descendants should not
still people the earth.

Light and wireless signals,
which are essentially the same
thing and travel at the same rate,
take a seventh of a second to
travel round the world, but prob-
ably something like 100,000 mil-
lion years to travel round the
universe.

The sun, which is a million
times as big as the earth and
300,000 times as massive, proves
to be something less than a grain
of sand on the seashore. It
forms one of a family whose
number has been estimated at
30,000 millions.

The stars are perhaps from 5
to 10 millions of millions of years
old.

Sun's Vanishing Energy.

The sun radiates enough energy
from each square inch of its sur-
face to keep a 50 horse-power
engine continually in action.

The sun has no source of re-
plenishment. It must have weigh-
ed 360,000 million tons more yester-
day than to-day, and by to-mor-
row will weigh 360,000 million
tons less.

Enough bottles of energy—
electrons and protons—remain
unbroken in the sun, however,
to provide light and heat for mil-
lions of millions of years to
come.

GIRL WHO PREFERENCES
ENGLAND.

TO STAY INDOORS TO AVOID
KIDNAPPING RISK.

A mistress and her 20-years-old
servant appealed for advice to Mr.
Hay Halkett, the Marylebone
magistrate, one day last month.

It was stated that the father of
the girl had decided to leave Wales
and emigrate to Canada with his
family. He had applied to the
emigration authorities and had in-
cluded the name of his daughter,
but the girl, who was comfortable
in service at Hampstead, did not
wish to go. The father, however,
insisted and threatened to apply to
a magistrate to compel her to go.

Mr. Halkett said his impression
was that as the girl was over 18
the father could not interfere with
her. He might, however, try to
kidnap her, and it would be ad-
visable for the mistress to keep the
girl indoors until the father had
sailed.

The Mistress: They cannot do
anything to her if she does not go!
Mr. Halkett: No. Don't let her
go. Keep her at home. It is un-
reasonable for the father to insist
if she does not want to. Write and
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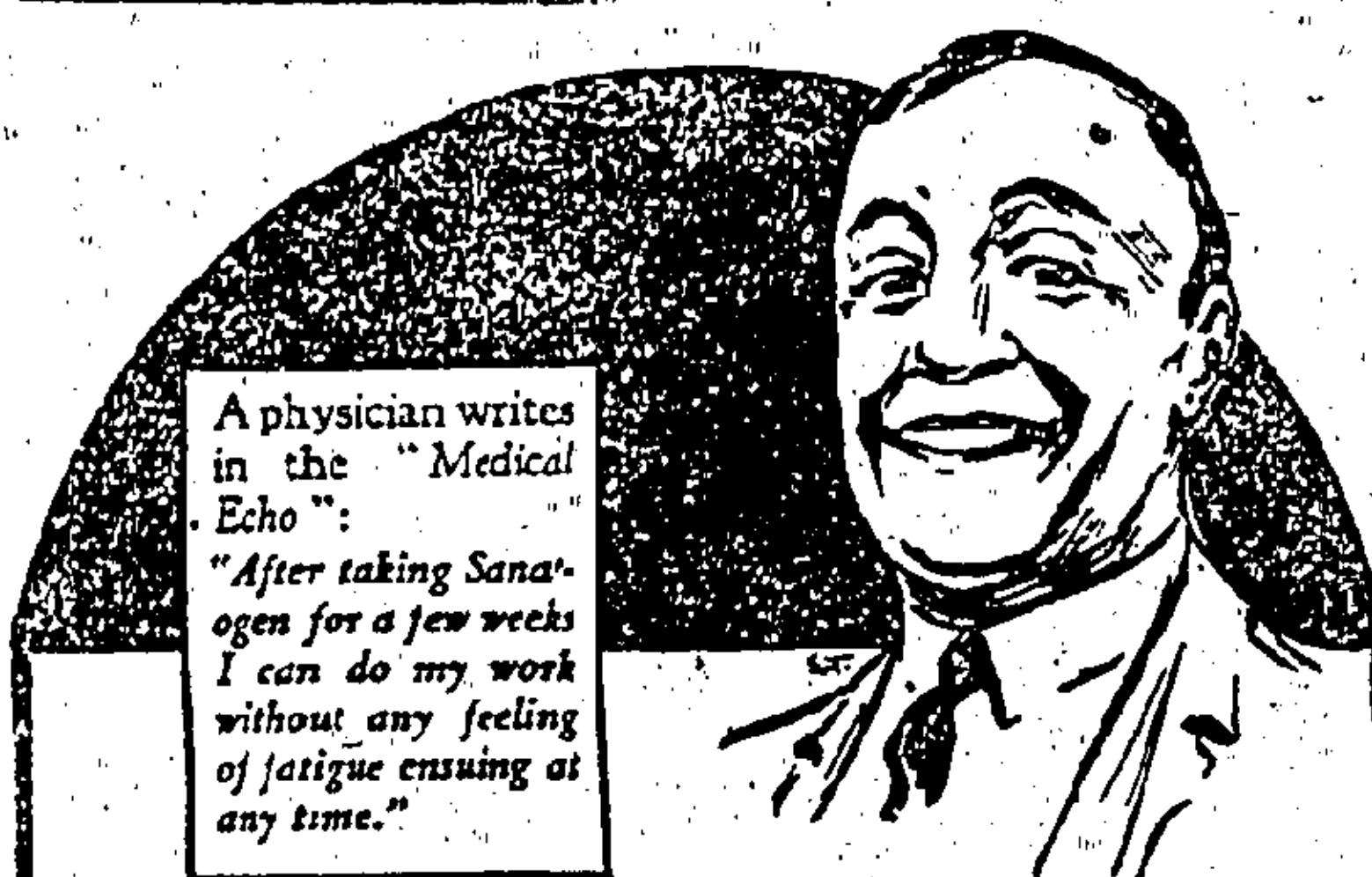
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ENGLISH RUGBY TRIUMPH.

SCOTLAND BEATEN IN FOUR GAME.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE CALCUTTA CUP WON.

SPLENDID BACK-ROW FORWARDS.

[BY H. P. MARSHALL.]

England, 6 pts.; Scotland, 0.

London, March 19th.

The King had a wonderful reception at Twickenham on Saturday from the largest crowd the ground has ever held. Fully 60,000 people made the most of a lovely spring afternoon, and they saw a game which was always exciting because it was never one-sided, though from a purely football point of view it was dull and disappointing.

Superficially the conditions seemed perfect; the turf was firm, the ball was dry, and from the stands the vagaries of the wind were not at once apparent. Actually the wind on the ground was tricky; it blew in gusts from the south-west, and really handicapped the side which was playing against it, as the short English kicking in the first half proved.

Moreover, the ball was light, and passing was correspondingly uncertain. It is important to bear in mind these two factors, for they explain much of the undoubted mediocrity of the back play.

Two other points must be noted. The ball was heeled slowly by both packs—it appeared to be a difficult ball to control in the tight scrummages—and both three-quarter lines lay well up in defence, so that attacking movements were quickly smothered. It looked as if each side had gone on to the field rather fearing the opposing attack, so that the need for defence was uppermost in the minds of the players.

A. T. Young's Clever Work.

The result was a defensive game, and that means largely a negative game outside the scrum. When both teams unconsciously force the run of play into these channels only an attacking player of genius can hope to turn the situation to account. Unfortunately neither England nor Scotland had such a player.

To take the English side first; there was A. T. Young in an experimental mood at scrum-half. Some of his characteristic runs were excellent, and he sent J. Hanley in for a try by most cleverly ducking beneath the attempted tackle of an opponent and by making many yards through a bewildered defence before he passed. For all that, he really had the ball away accurately to H. C. C. Laird at stand-off half, though he often whipped it out fast enough.

But for this inaccuracy he cannot really be blamed, as the heeling was so slow, and his passing out had to be a proportionately hurried affair. This takes us to the root of the matter.

It seems ungenerous to criticise the English forwards, since they were magnificent in many ways, but the fact remains that the ball did not come out as cleanly as it should have done.

Careful watching suggested that the ball itself may have had something to do with it—as has been said, it was very light and perhaps rather pointed.

Moreover, the English back row did often keep it—and rightly—when they saw that J. Graham and J. R. Paterson, the Scottish back-row men, were coming round very quickly.

Hanley And Periton.

The upshot of it was that Young had to take some chances with his passing, and Laird was never certain where the ball was coming, and frequently had to gather it off his feet or above his head. Thus it is easy to see that the English centres and wings were necessarily cramped in attack, though their defence was again most praiseworthy.

It would be unfair, therefore, to criticise the English centres unduly—but still, it must be recorded that they did not fulfil the promise of their earlier games by showing an instinct for opening the attack in the right direction when it was possible to open it.

Once in the second half, for instance, when C. D. Arvid was clear away, with plenty of room, an open field, and a man outside him, he cut inwards right into the Scottish defence and so lost a real opportunity.

The timing of passes also, as well as the actual passing and positioning of the English three-quarter line, was undeniably weak, and I wonder that more accurate short punting with the wind in the second half was not used to drive back the Scottish defence.

But there were redeeming features in the English side, apart from the a. m. defence as a whole, and, first of all, must come the very fine work of the pack. These eight men were great in the loose, and I never want to see better forward rushes than those in the second half.

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MANIFESTO BY CHIANG KAI SHEK TO THE POWERS.

APPEAL TO ALLOW CHINA TO WORK OUT HER REVOLUTION.

GUARANTEE FOR BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS.

SHANGHAI, April 9th.

An important manifesto has been addressed by General Chiang Kai Shek to the friendly Powers, in which the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief appeals to them to desist from supporting the Northern militarists and to maintain an absolutely neutral position so far as China's civil warfare is concerned.

General Chiang, in the manifesto, says:—
"China's freedom and independence are matters which involve the peace of the whole world. This is a matter which all foreigners and Chinese with any understanding at all will readily realize. China has huge territories, the world's largest population and immense natural resources of immeasurable value, but she does not have an equal and independent position in the family of nations. Certain selfish and aggressive persons wish to create trouble in the Far East, and to cause another breach of the world's peace. They are waiting for an opportunity to begin their machinations in order to carry out their aggressive plans. All will understand this."

The Importation Of Munitions.

"During the past years China's civil warfare has continued without cessation because the militarists have received the support of the imperialists. Arms and ammunition are constantly being imported into China. Huge sums of money are secretly being lent to the militarists. One always hears about these affairs. The militarists dream of uniting China by force, but they are still in their sleep. And yet they oppose the power of the revolutionaries and thus prolong civil warfare in this unhappy country. This is the cause of manifold sufferings to the Chinese people and it interferes with their rightful aspirations. Foreigners living in China and others who love this country are unhappy because of this."

"If this unhappy state of affairs continues indefinitely and if the militarists sell our country and cause trouble while the sun shines, China's sovereign rights will be thrown away. We do not know how long these troubles will continue, but, if they are not stopped, the stronger nations will fight among themselves like hunters after a deer, and thus China will be the cause of another great world war in the Far East. If the Powers are drawn into the turmoil, the sufferings of the world will be far greater than those caused by the European War. The same causes which brought about the European War will lead to another world war in the Far East because China is a big country and it will be hard to divide her; even if the whole world sheds blood, the Chinese question cannot be solved."

China's Self-Determination.

"The Chinese question is a question for our own solution and of self-determination. Our late President, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, devoted the whole of his life to the revolution and the Kuomintang and the revolutionary forces will carry out

his plans for the anti-Northern expedition with a view to settling the Chinese question ourselves. Directly, it is a matter of China's self-determination; indirectly, it is a matter which involves the peace of the world."

"Militarism is an obstacle to world peace. Militarism is the vanguard of imperialistic aggression. If militarism is not exterminated, China will never have peace. The Chinese people will never be happy. The quarrels of the Powers in China will never cease. The aim of the Kuomintang and the revolutionary forces, therefore, is to fight for China's freedom and equality. Our first step will be to drive out the militarists. In order to carry out this, all obstacles must be wiped away. The anti-Northern expedition, therefore, cannot be dropped. Ordinarily, a national revolution is a matter for that nation only, and foreigners should not be involved. Ordinarily, everybody wants freedom and equality. The Chinese Kuomintang is fighting for these two objects. There is no ground for foreign suspicion. I say this because the Northern militarists have been spreading rumours to hoodwink the friendly Powers by alleging that our troops are anti-foreign. We hope our foreign friends will not be misled by them."

No Anti-Foreignism.

"By virtue of the authority entrusted to me as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Armies, I hereby guarantee to assume full responsibility for my troops' behaviour. I guarantee that, wherever the Nationalist troops are stationed, there shall be no anti-foreign movements. I guarantee that the Kuomintang and the revolutionary forces will shoulder full responsibility for the protection of foreign lives and property."

"At the same time, it is my earnest hope that all foreign friends will understand that, if they support the Northern militarists, they will be prolonging China's civil warfare and causing a breach of world peace. I earnestly appeal to all foreign friends immediately to stop supplying arms and ammunition or in any way supporting the Northern militarists. I appeal to all foreigners and the friendly Powers to maintain a strictly neutral attitude so far as China's civil warfare is concerned."

Friend Or Foe.

"Come what may, the revolutionary movement will be successful. If foreigners maintain a friendly attitude towards us, the Chinese people will always be grateful, but if they interfere without reason and attempt to prevent the progress of the revolutionary movement, they will make themselves the enemies of the Chinese people and will have only themselves to blame."

"I sincerely believe and earnestly hope that the friendly Powers will exert their whole efforts in maintaining the peace of the Far East and strengthen the bonds of friendship which already exist."

North China Daily News.

Hanley and Periton—Hanley in particular—were splendid back row forwards, and Stark played quite his best game for England. But all eight were good, and Cove-Smith may be justifiably proud of the sterling work he and his pack have done this season.

Then T. W. Brown proved himself a very capable substitute for Sellar. It was an ordeal to appear in such a match, but he was cool and plucky and thoroughly efficient throughout.

W. M. Simmers Shines.

The same criticisms apply to Scotland as to England—slow heeling and consequent cramped back play—but the forwards, with J. M. Bannerman, L. M. Stuart, and J. Graham, in the van, worked hard against a stronger English pack. None of the outsiders failed, with W. M. Simmers, who played inside to R. F. Kelly, the most dangerous of them, A. H. Brown and G. P. S. Macpherson often threatening trouble, and D. Drysdale returning to his old form at full-back.

It was, in short, the typical hard sort of game that this match always produces, with plenty of real tough work forward, and very definite tackling everywhere.

There is little to describe in the play, which ran fairly evenly. There was an exciting period in the first half, when Macpherson and Simmers nearly got over, and then came the first English try. Laird started a passing movement, and was up to take the final pass and fling himself over in the corner.

The second half began with some powerful forward rushes by England, but soon Richardson hurt a leg and went out on the wing, Palmer coming inside. Shortly afterwards Young went round the scrum, cleverly slipped a tackle, and sent Hanley in for England's second and final try.

England's Great Record.

England have won the international Rugby championship, having beaten all the other home countries and France, while their victory over Scotland gives them possession of the Calcutta Cup again. This was taken from them by Scotland three years ago.

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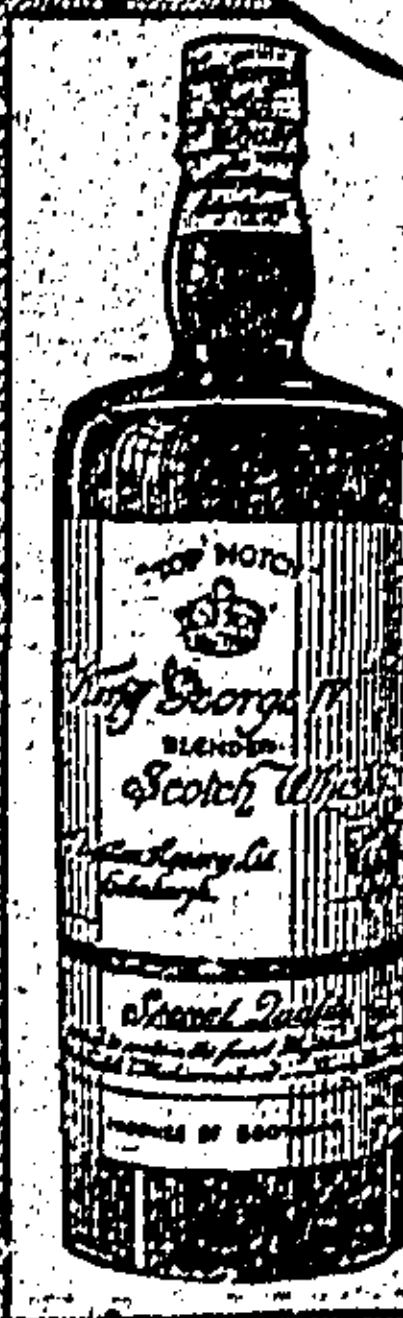
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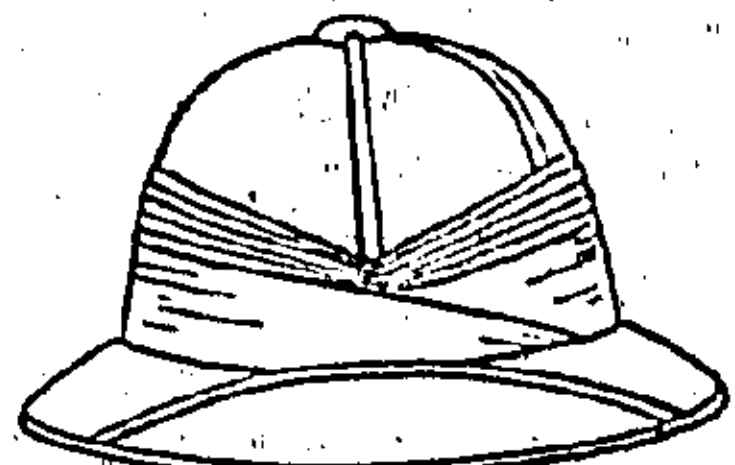
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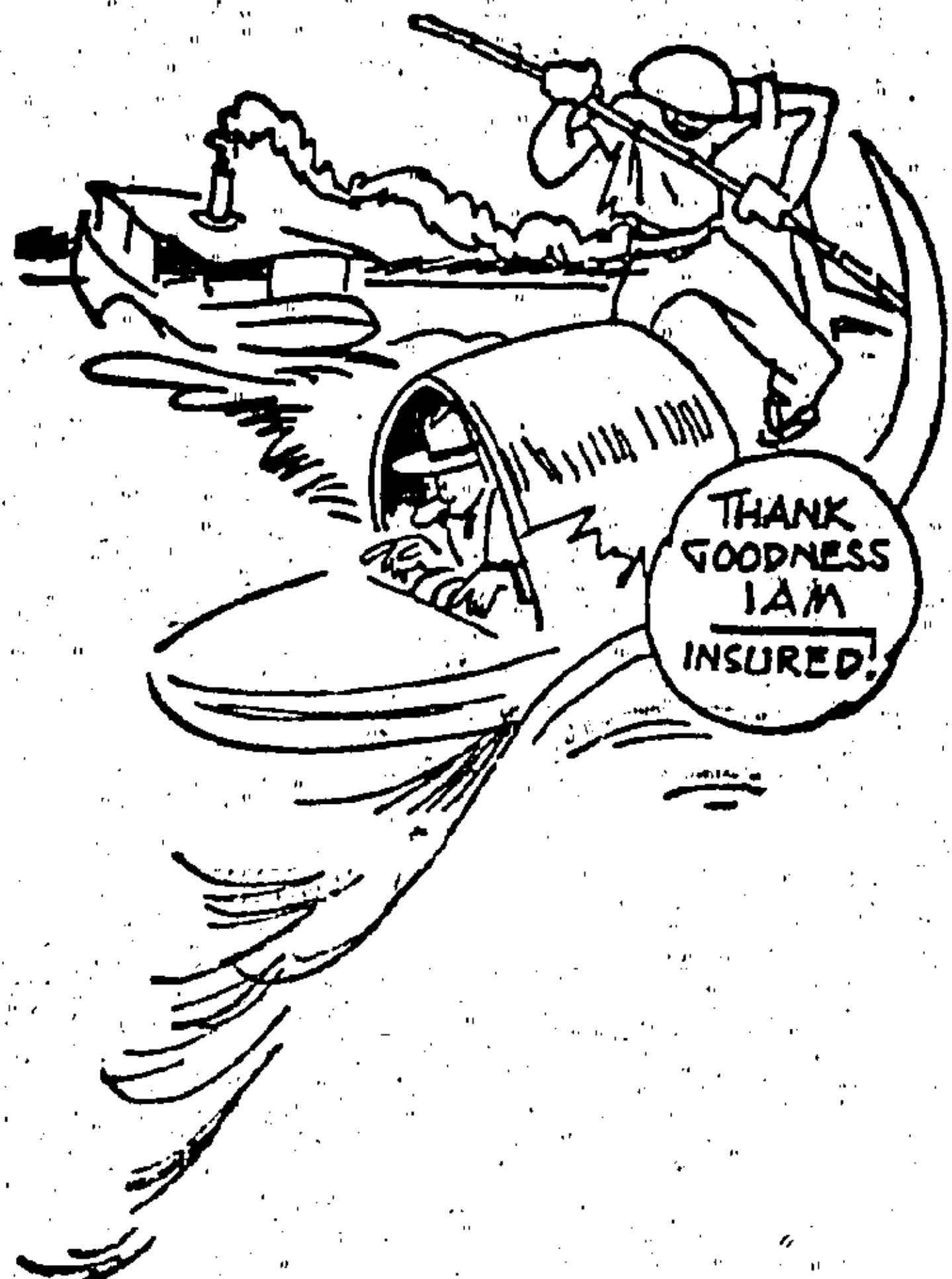
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HOSPITALS GENERAL MEETING.

EQUIPMENT FOR ALICE
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

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RETIREMENT OF DR. PEARCE.

At the annual general meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals held yesterday it was stated that the new Alice Memorial Hospital was now nearly completed at a cost of \$100,000 and an appeal was made for funds to purchase the necessary equipment, which was estimated at \$12,000. The Chairman, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., said that the Alice Memorial Hospital had done increasingly good work during the 40 years since its foundation.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., was supported by the Deputy Chairman, Dr. S. W. Tse, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mrs. Creasy, Miss K. Rayner (matron), Messrs. T. M. Chow, U. Bunnah, M. F. Key, and P. Launder, Mr. R. Forsyth (Hon. Treasurer), Dr. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., O.B.E., R. McL. Gibson (Superintendent), and the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E. (Secretary).

The report and accounts having been adopted, the estimates for 1928 were presented to the meeting and passed on the proposition of Mr. J. M. Wong seconded by the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes. The Rev. H. R. Wells (Secretary) said that the estimates for 1928 were \$47,000. In 1926 expenditure was \$52 and in 1927 \$45,000. The reduction was due to the fact that the hospitals were not always full.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., addressing the meeting, said: "The secretary, the Rev. H. R. Wells, has said that as much economy had been practiced as was consistent with efficiency."

Equipment Needed.

The new Alice Memorial Hospital was nearly complete at the cost of one hundred thousand dollars, and now an appeal had to be made to the public for equipment.

The equipment required was:—For operation theatre—Special table, \$1,000; trolley and steriliser, \$1,000; instruments and instrument cabinets, \$2,000; hospital lavatories and aseptic tables, \$1,000.

For wards and out patient rooms: Clothing and linen, \$1,200; bedsteads and bedding, \$1,000; blankets, mints, \$900; mattresses, sheets and pillows, \$700.

Furniture:—Tables, \$600; lockers, \$800; chairs, \$200; enamel ware, \$300; wagons, desks, etc., \$500; cupboards, \$370; out patient Dept., \$80; anatomical models for teaching, \$700.

Total required \$12,500.

An Appeal.

He hoped that some of those who were interested in the work of the Hospital would give some of the necessary money. It was well-known what excellent work the Hospital had done for the past 40 years, and it had done increasingly good work year by year. It was imperative to hasten the opening of the new hospital by giving the necessary equipment. The Superintendent's report showed the need later on for a similar building to replace the present Nethersole Hospital which it had been estimated could be erected for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Generous Gifts.

Since the closing of the accounts Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie had generously given \$1,000 in memory of her husband and her daughter who were both interested in the work. Captain T. P. Hall had offered a gift of property valued at \$10,000 to go towards a sanatorium for the treatment of Tuberculosis, or to be sold and the money applied for the benefit of the general funds. He was very much appreciated the generous offer (Applause), and wished to thank the many other helpers and supporters of the hospitals.

Dr. T. W. Pearce was leaving the Colony after more than fifty years in the Far East. He had a very remarkable record and had sat on that committee for 34 years and done yeoman service. (Applause.) It would be very hard to replace him. He rejoiced very much at Dr. Pearce's restoration to health and trusted that he would have many years of happiness and opportunity of carrying on his Christian work of doing good to others. (Applause.)

Other Business.

Dr. Tse announced that he had received a gift of \$5,000 from Madame Wu Ting Fang for the operating room, and the Chairman moved that letters of thanks should be sent to Madame Wu and to Captain T. P. Hall for their generous gifts. Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie had already been written to.

Election Of Officers.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., was re-elected Chairman and Dr. S. W. Tse as Deputy Chairman for 1928, members elected to the Executive Committee were: The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kowall, C.M.G., Messrs. J. M. Wong, T. W. Chan, W. L. Patten, and Paul Launder. The following were elected members of the General Committee: Mrs. Creasy,

Mrs. Wynne Jones, Miss F. M. Hughes and Messrs. M. F. Key, L. O. F. Bellamy, and C. S. Gordon Mackie.

POINTS FROM THE REPORTS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

In the early days of the medical work a strong prejudice existed amongst the Chinese against entering a hospital but as the advantages of hospital treatment were better understood, the number of admissions gradually increased and hospital extension became necessary. For several years the need for replacing the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals had been realised as more accommodation was required and the fabric of the buildings had deteriorated.

The first step towards carrying out the scheme was taken when the site of the Alice Memorial Hospital in Hollywood Road was sold for \$87,000; the proceeds of the sale are being used for the erection of a new hospital on a site in Bonham Road, the gift of the London Missionary Society. The opportunity has been taken to build a four storied hospital, designed on modern lines, and constructed of materials which are well fitted to withstand the climatic conditions.

The next step is to proceed, as soon as possible, with a similar building to replace the present Nethersole. The plan is to build in two blocks; one will appropriately be named the Nethersole Hospital to commemorate the original gift by the late Mr. H. Davis and the other, if a suitable donation be made, may be named according to the wishes of the donor. It is estimated that the two blocks can be erected for \$250,000, and an addition amount will be needed for equipment.

The most prevalent diseases were malaria, influenza, dysentery, typhoid fever, beri-beri, and pulmonary diseases. Broncho-pneumonia in children has a heavy mortality, considering that the climate is favourable for treatment.

A sanatorium for the treatment of Tuberculosis would be a great benefit to the Colony, as treatment in a general hospital is unsatisfactory.

The most common conditions requiring operations were stone in the bladder, tumours, and diseases of bone; the operations are rendered difficult by many patients delaying until complications have developed and the general health has become affected.

It is interesting to hear from patients that many have come because friends had been successfully treated for similar conditions. The number of in-patients was 1,364. The out-patients numbered 10,787 and the attendances 22,277.

Religious services were held regularly in the wards and out-patient rooms. At this time of unrest there seems a greater readiness to listen to the Christian Truths.

It will be seen from the donation lists that the hospitals have received support from individual subscribers, business firms, societies, schools, and churches and our best thanks are accorded to all for the practical interest shown.

Dr. Gibson goes on leave in the spring of 1928 and Dr. Ashton will be Superintendent during his absence.

MATRON'S REPORT.

During the past year the work in the Nethersole Hospital was carried on under difficulties, because of the dust and noise from the adjacent site on which the new hospital is being erected.

There were twenty-three nurses in training and of these six have completed the curriculum, which comprises three years' general nursing and one year's maternity work. Systematic lectures were given in anatomy, physiology, hygiene, and practical instruction in medical and surgical nursing and dispensing.

The nurses attend morning and evening prayers in the hospital, and we are grateful to the Rev. Wong Oi Tong, who conducts a fortnightly Bible-Class for the nurses.

Miss Leung Tse Hing and Miss Wong Yut We, after completing their training, were appointed charge nurses. We regret to record the death of Nurse Pau, who had nearly completed her training.

MATERNITY CASES.

In the course of a note on the maternity work Dr. Annie Sydenham states that the figures for the year besides showing an increase in the number of women treated in the Maternity Department, represent a number of abnormal and difficult cases. Those who are unfortunate enough to be included in this category are the women with whom the closest contacts are made because their stay in Hospital is prolonged, and they often return from time to time to see me at out-patients.

This year I have been able to do more ante-natal work, and several women with medical complications have come into the Nethersole Hospital to be treated during pregnancy. In every case they have pulled through, and I attribute this to their early treatment, because formerly women with the same complications who have waited till the last minute have often succumbed.

Five nurses have completed their training during the course of the year and have obtained the Government Midwives' Board Certificate.

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PROPERTY SOLD TO SIR ELLY KADOORIE.

NO RETURN TO SHAREHOLDERS.

At the extraordinary general meeting held at the offices of the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates Company, Ltd., St. George's Building yesterday morning, it was resolved to liquidate the Company.

The Chairman, Mr. R. G. Shewan, addressing the meeting said:—Gentlemen.—At the meeting of shareholders held on February 24th last I told you that your Directors were then considering how the present Company could continue to be run under the present load of interest.

This, however, I regret to say, was found impossible and Sir Elly Kadoorie does not see his way to assist the Company financially any further. Sir Elly Kadoorie approached your Consulting Committee with a view to purchasing the landed property of the Company and they accordingly had the properties valued by an independent surveyor, Mr. Geo. W. Grey, who placed a total value of \$2,078,380 on them, at which price Sir Elly Kadoorie purchased the property leaving, however, the amount of \$348,680 owing to him by the Company against which the remaining assets are practically nil.

Under these circumstances there cannot be any return to shareholders, but I trust that you will agree with me that there was no other course open to us but to call this meeting with a view to liquidating the Company.

I now beg to move the following resolution as an extraordinary resolution:—

"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily."

And that John Fleming and Archibald Ritchie, both of Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, be appointed jointly and severally liquidators for the purposes of such winding-up."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. Scott Harston and passed unanimously.

The officers and shareholders of the Company present were: Messrs. R. G. Shewan (Chairman), E. M. Raymond and J. Scott Harston (Consulting Committee), Mr. A. Braun (Secretary), and Mr. M. A. Turner (Solicitor of the Company).

The shareholders present were: Messrs. Elly Kadoorie, L. Kadoorie, A. L. Shields, J. Tobin, A. A. Rotelho, J. W. Shenton, and Mr. A. Keys.

CINEMA NEWS.

ELINOR GLYN FILM AT THE WORLD.

Adapted from a story by Elinor Glyn, the famous writer of love stories, "Love's Blindness" will be the chief attraction at the 6.15 and 9.20 performances in the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Antonio Moreno plays the leading rôle as an aristocrat who is compelled to marry a moneylender's daughter in order to save himself, and his friends, from bankruptcy. Pauline Starke appears as a beautiful bride who thinks it is a love match until her husband's aloofness chills her affection. Lillian Tashman has the rôle of a jealous duchess who is largely responsible for the curious train of events, that follows. "Love's Blindness" is a typical Elinor Glyn film with settings even more lavish than usual. The picture at the 2.30 and 7.15 performances in the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow will be the Chinese drama "Retaliation."

At The Star.

Excellent comedy enacted by a capable cast of players describes "Excuse Me," the chief attraction at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. An eloping couple's difficulty in finding a minister on board an express train forms the main spring of the plot, with numerous additional complications caused by a comic porter, a pursuing parent and an excitable French girl who claims the prospective bridegroom as her husband. The leading players are Norma Shoreer, Conrad Nagel and Renee Asher, each of whom hold a high position in the comedy field. "Excuse Me" is full of laughs, and there is at least one big thrill.



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CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION ALTERED.

The China Light and Power Co. (1918), Limited, held an extraordinary general meeting yesterday morning in St. George's Building to confirm as a special resolution the resolution which was passed as an extraordinary resolution at a meeting held on March 30th, in regard to interest to be paid by shareholders for money due to the Company.

Mr. R. G. Shewan was in the chair and others present were: Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E. (Director), Messrs. H. Dreyer, A. Keith, Tse Tsan Tai, A. A. Botelho, A. L. Shields, J. Toppin, J. Coulthart, F. J. Tavares, J. Dick, W. Lewson, Capt. R. D. Thomas and N. Bragan (Secretary).

The Chairman said: The initial object for which this meeting has been convened is for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming as a special resolution the resolution which was passed as an extraordinary resolution at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 30th ultimo.

That resolution, as you will remember, concerned the alteration of the Articles of Association so as to give the Directors a discretion as to the amount of interest they shall from time to time require members to pay in respect of any call or installment not paid on due date, and I now beg to propose the confirmation as a special resolution of the said extraordinary resolution, namely:

"That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:—

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

Mr. Tse Tsan Tai seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

YOUNG WIFE'S SUICIDE.
DRINKS SILVER CLEANING ACID.

A Chinese watchmaker residing at No. 72, Lai-chikok Road, made a report to the police that his young wife who was just twenty-four years of age, had committed suicide by drinking silver cleaning acid, which he had kept at home for odd jobs that he used to do.

The husband described the wife as an ardent Mah-Jongg player and stated that she continually wasted her time at the game. He also thought it probable that the woman had resented his reproaches for playing too often.

Dr. K. K. Wong of No. 440, Nathan Road, was immediately summoned, but could do nothing for the woman, and she had died shortly after taking the acid. The body was later removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

TRADE IN HONG KONG.

MERCHANTS REPORT HOME.

SHADOW STRIPED POPLINS IN GOOD DEMAND.

A local merchant writing to his principals at Home, under date April 14th, says:—

"Since my last month's report business has been somewhat dull in South China and clearances have only been fair. This is due primarily to the uncertainty of the political situation. The exchange of visits between the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., and the Governor of Canton, H.E. Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, aroused a feeling of confidence that is, unfortunately, slowly evaporating owing to the continued absence of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin in the North. Hope is a good anchor but it needs something to grip and without this the Chinese merchants are inclined to drift rather than to proceed on definite lines. Owing to the destructive policy of the Reds a good deal of constructive work is necessary before business can proceed on normal lines. Their influence has temporarily weakened the purchasing power of the country. After all the source of a country's wealth is the land and its people and prosperity will not come to China until those in power realise that. A bold peasantry, their country's pride, when once destroyed, can never be supplied."

"The Canton currency continues to improve, and to-day 50 cents is equal to one Hong Kong dollar as against about 25 cents a few months ago."

"In the piece goods market shadow striped poplins have gone very well this season but most of the other cotton goods are hanging fire. There is a certain amount of enquiry for lower quality broads, coloured striped shirtings, etc., but the volume of business so far put through is below the average."

"The sundries market is fairly good but there is not much business in metals."

"In Shanghai business has recently been excellent but there is always a tendency to overbuy there and the speculative element is much stronger than it is in Hong Kong and South China."

AMERICAN RUBBER POOL.

CREDITS ARRANGED.

A message from New York announced that the National Bank of Commerce in New York and the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., have recently arranged a credit on behalf of the National Reserve for Crude Rubber, commonly referred to as the "American Rubber Pool." The credit provides for \$30,000,000 now and an additional \$30,000,000 if and when required.

RAID ON CANTON.

COMMUNIST ATTEMPT FOILED.
NOCTURNAL RESTRICTIONS IN FORCE.
CASES OF ROBBERY AND BLACKMAIL.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, April 16th.

Last Friday night at about 12 o'clock Communists and outlaws made an unsuccessful attack on Canton. Several hundred of these desperadoes suddenly emerged from the mountains and marched on Fati, opposite Shameen, their objective being to begin with No. 12 Police Station. But while they were on their way they were attacked by the people's militia at Cha Kau, a village not far from Fati. The police at Fati were informed and garrison troops were rushed to Cha Kau to assist the militia. Several hundred shots were exchanged during the clash, and the Communists were driven back into the mountains. About a thousand Communist farmers near Fati are reported to have offered aid to the Communists. Happily apart from the disturbances at Fati, no trouble of any sort has arisen either in Honam or in Canton proper thanks to the vigilance of the Provincial Administration.

Owing to this and other activities of the Communists in and near Canton, nocturnal restrictions were again in force in certain parts of the City last night and the night before last. A considerable number of soldiers are marching into Canton no official reason for their presence being given. One of many rumours now current states that General Chen Ming Shu will assume charge of both high civil and military affairs of the Province to the exclusion of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin. But this is categorically denied by the Headquarters of the 11th Army which General Chen commands. In a press interview one of General Chen's staff stated that the 11th Army will shortly start for the southern part of Kwangtung to recruit more men for the Army. The Army is composed of four divisions all of which suffered terribly during their recent encounters with the 4th Army under Generals Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kei Cheung in the East River districts.

THE TERRORIZING SOCIETY.

A minor cause for again imposing the night restrictions in Canton is the number of robberies and the attempts to blackmail certain wealthy merchants. In spite of all the warnings and capital punishment for these offences, desperadoes have been unusually active lately. Several houses and one monastery have been robbed and the offenders made good their escape. Two nights ago the Tai Tak Jewellery store on Wing Hon Maloo, one of the busiest business sections of Canton, received a letter from robbers demanding one thousand dollars Hong Kong currency and a large diamond ring. Unless the demand was unconditionally complied with, stated the letter, they would resort to measures deemed necessary. The letter was in by the "Canton Terrorizing Society." The shopkeeper was terrified at the receipt of this blackmailing letter and immediately took it to the Police, who instituted a thorough search of the culprits concerned.

According to the Police this was the second time that robbers had sent letters of this sort to merchants of Canton. A week before a letter of similar nature was sent to the Ho Tsap Shing Bank, also on Wing Hon Maloo, demanding a huge sum of money. The Police and the Merchants Volunteer Corps discovered the offender and he has been executed.

MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN.

EXPECTED TO-DAY BY "SARPEDON."

TO PROCEED TO CANTON BY WARSHIP.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin is expected to arrive in Hong Kong from Shanghai this morning by the Blue Funnel liner *Sarpedon*.

The Chinese cruiser *Hai Yu* (The Sea Tiger) which was despatched by the Canton Government to receive the Marshal arrived here yesterday morning and is anchored off Yau-mati.

About 15 members of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin's staff arrived yesterday by the *President Jackson*.

CANTON PLEASSED.

CANTON, April 16th.

According to the vernacular press, Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has left Shanghai for Canton on the 14th on board a British steamer and will be in Hong Kong by to-morrow. The Authorities here, civil and military, received the definite news of the recognized leader of Canton with great joy and have already sent representatives to Hong Kong to welcome the Marshal.

Mr. Fung Chok Man, Commissioner of Finance, left for Hong Kong on the afternoon of the 14th; and other high officials of the Headquarters of the 8th Route Army including Mr. Li Tsai, are likewise leaving for the British Colony this afternoon, to welcome the Marshal. Admiral Chen Chak went to Hong Kong on the 15th, Sunday, on the *Hoi Fu*. Accompanying the Admiral were Messrs. Shair Chung Lau and Li Ying Kk, both officers of the Canton Navy.

DYNAMITE BOMBS FOR AMOY.

(With Tsz Yat Pan.)

When the *s.s. Ching Hai* arrived at Amoy on the 14th inst. Six cases of dynamite bombs were discovered on board. Needless to say no one claimed ownership. The dangerous cargo was immediately transferred to the Amoy Military Headquarters.

Martial law was proclaimed and strictly enforced that evening.

COMMUNISTS STRONG IN HOIFUNG.

UNSATISFACTORY TROOPS FROM CANTON.

Parts of the Hoifung district, according to the latest reports, are still under Communist control and the troops sent from Canton have made very little progress in the task of suppressing the movement. Hoifung City, Swabue and Muileong are well garrisoned and secure but strong bands of rickshaws and brigands sweep down from the hills, whenever the Government troops are withdrawn, robbing and murdering both travellers and the inhabitants of village and small towns. They operate from a number of hill strongholds which the authorities seem unable to locate. The leaders of the principal bands are well known but evade arrest.

As a result of these conditions refugees are pouring in to Swabue and many are seeking refuge in Hong Kong.

The troops from Canton have made a bad impression. Many are of the ill-trained 5th Army formerly under Li Fuk Lam. They resist being sent away from Honam and the dismissal of their chief. Many are said to show Communist sympathies. Some of the territory is properly garrisoned but most is still an easy prey for the raiders.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BATHING FACILITIES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—One of the first indications that the hot weather has begun is the daily grumbling, which can be overheard wherever people are congregated together, about the inadequacy of bathing facilities in the Colony.

It seems hard that little or no chance of bathing is provided for the large number of Europeans here whose salary does not allow them to run a car. Repulse Bay has its adherents, and the erection of a public bathing place there last season was certainly a move in the right direction; but it is too far away to be accessible to very many, a fact for which no doubt the owners of private bathsheds are profoundly grateful. In the golden days, when nearly every business house had its own launch and arranged regular bathing expeditions for its employees and their families, the matter was very different; but it is certain that altruism was not entirely responsible for the necessary expenditure even then. The regular outings helped very considerably towards keeping the employees healthy and contented.

The need for an adequate children's playground and a bathing beach on the Peninsula was brought forward once more at the monthly meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association last Wednesday, and there seems to be little reason why one site should not serve both purposes. It was decided, however, to obtain a declaration of policy with regard to the provision of bathing beaches from the Government before taking any further steps. The problem of an accessible beach for residents of the Peak districts would be less easy of solution, but there appears to be very little reason why a public beach should not be opened and maintained in good order on the Kowloon side, which would be a blessing to those working or living in Victoria as much as to the inhabitants of Kowloon—Yours, etc.

A MOTHER OF TWO.

JAPANESE NAVAL VISIT AND THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—I am directed by the Japanese Fleet Entertainment Committee to thank you for the publicity and space which you have given to the news in connection with the visit to Hong Kong of the Japanese Fleet during the past week—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

A. T. PHILLIPS,
Hon. Secretary,
Entertainment Committee,
Japanese Fleet.
Commodore's Office,
Hong Kong, April 16th, 1928.

THE LOAN ASSOCIATION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—With reference to the article on page six of your to-day's issue under Loan Association, I beg to inform you that no application has been made by me for its registration. I did preach once in the Sikh temple in a sermon that if the money-lenders give \$100 and take a promissory note for \$300, naturally at the time of suing they have to say on oath in the witness-box that the defendant is rightly indebted to the plaintiff for \$200, and that it is a sum to tell lies and more especially on oath in a Court of Law. I also did suggest to form an association and keep regular accounts and improve the status of money-lenders, as mostly the money-lenders are Sikhs and I felt it if any bad impression was reflected upon a Sikh.

I am not concerned with the other remarks about the fair or unfair practice of money-lenders, but this I have come to know that they take a double promissory note only as a security, as thousands of dollars have been taken by the borrowers and never given back. I have also certain examples before me that the actual sum due is half what is written and as a matter of fact the money-lender happily accepts the actual sum lent and not what is written. I am sure, as forethought by you, that a Loan Association will really serve an honest purpose and I hope this association will make its name, but apart from my sermon mentioned above or a talk with my friends I have no concern with it nor is the application drafted by me or registered through me.

While writing this letter, I have come to know that this Association is going to be a limited company very soon. Hoping that you will oblige me in publishing this letter, —Yours faithfully,

K. S. CHOWDHURY.

Hong Kong, April 16th.

JAPANESE AT LAW.

"WIDOW'S SALE OF BARBER'S SHOP."

GETS JUDGMENT FOR \$800.

PROMISSORY NOTE RETURNED "WITHOUT CONSIDERATION."

The affairs of a Japanese widow who sold her barber's shop in Wanchai to some neighbours came up again for hearing at the Summary Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Masako Hayashida, through her solicitor, Mr. L. R. Andrews, claimed from the defendants \$800 being the balance due under an agreement for the sale by her to the defendants of a business known as the Hayashida Barber Shop, of 10, Praya East, Wanchai.

The defendants were Mr. and Mrs. Shinjiro Nanzawa. The husband was trading as the Yokohama Barber Shop and the wife ran the Chidori Eating House. They were represented by Mr. M. K. Lo.

Their case was that the debt to plaintiffs was wiped out by previous loans which they had made to her and her late husband. A sum of \$70 was accounted for by a month's rent due on the shop and \$30 deposit to the Hong Kong Electric Company.

Giving evidence, the first defendant, the husband, said that on May, 1927, he bought the shop from plaintiff for \$2,800 and a promissory note for \$800 was given to plaintiff. This was signed by himself, plaintiff and a witness. His wife knew nothing about it at the time and only heard of it the day before plaintiff sailed for Japan.

They went aboard and saw defendant and the matter was discussed as a result of which the promissory note was returned and he tore it up.

He denied ever admitting that he owed money on the note but he was willing to pay something to settle the case out of Court. He went to the Japanese Consul who, he agreed, told him he owed \$300.

Mr. M. K. Lo: That is not fair. Defendant admitted that debt but held to his counter-claim for \$700.

Plaintiff already owed him \$2,000, made in two loans of \$1,000 each.

The second defendant said that an early loan of \$600 was repaid. A loan of \$700 was not repaid.

During the illness of plaintiff's husband \$1,000 was lent to plaintiff and a further \$1,000 was advanced after his death. She knew nothing about the purchase of the shop by her husband until plaintiff told her the day before she sailed for Japan. The loan for \$700 was made to plaintiff in 1924—in November she thought.

She confirmed her husband's accounts of the two loans for \$1,000 and said that plaintiff admitted to her that \$100 was owing for rent and to the Hong Kong Electric Company.

At the time she knew nothing about the purchase of the plaintiff's business by her husband, and she was angry when she heard about it. She saw plaintiff on board the ship in which she was going to Japan and made her return the promissory note in settlement of the \$700 loan and the \$100 for the rent and deposit.

Cross-examined by Mr. Andrews defendant, after much explanation and hesitation, said that on the promissory note for the \$700 loan to plaintiff no time for repayment was mentioned.

She agreed there was no written evidence of the two \$1,000 loans which were admitted by both sides. She also admitted that she had been lending various sums of money to different persons, but said that she was not a money-lender by trade.

Another Japanese woman giving evidence for the defence, said that on a certain night, the plaintiff went to her house in tears. Plaintiff complained that she had bought a house in Japan and that her plans had been upset at the last moment by the second defendant refusing to buy her shop.

Witness was sympathetic and she telephoned for the first defendant to come to her house. The first defendant came and agreed to buy up plaintiff's business for \$2,800. Of this sum, \$2,000 was set-off against

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FIREMAN'S MEAN THEFT.

STEALS JEWELLERY DURING FIRE.

ALERT STATION OFFICERS DETECT HIM.

Lo Lai Yau a fireman of the Kowloon Fire Brigade appeared before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of stealing money and jewellery during a fire at an house off Lai-chikok Road, Shumshuipo. The defendant pleaded guilty.

Sub-Inspector John Dick told the Court that the Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire on the 13th April at an house off Lai Chi Kok Road, Shumshuipo. Station Officer Saunders and witness on arriving at the fire immediately went to the first floor of the building.

Jewellery in His Boots.

"On entering we saw the defendant, and Mr. Saunders asked him what he was doing, and being suspicious, told him to take off his boots. He did so and some jewellery dropped out. Further articles of jewellery were found on his person when he was searched." Continuing Sub-Inspector Dick stated that an inmate of the house reported the loss of the jewellery to the Shumshuipo Police Station, and identified the jewellery.

As the defendant had nothing to say in answer to the charge a sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by the Magistrate.

money owing, and a note for \$800 was then given to the plaintiff. The note was signed by the first defendant and witness herself.

This concluded the case for the defence. Mr. Lo in his final submission said that his Lordship would have to decide whether or not the second defendant was a party to the sale. Mr. Lo submitted that the sale was made to the first defendant only, and that if his Honour was satisfied that it was so, the whole case would then have to drop. Mr. Lo went on to say that if the Court found that there was a note signed and that the plaintiff was the holder of the note, the legal effect of the transaction then reverted back to the note, which completed the sale. The crux of the position would then be this: once the note was cancelled, the debt was discharged.

Mr. Lo submitted that the note could not be revived, and that the whole doctrine of revival based on failure to discharge the obligation was false at law. In this case, there was no failure to discharge the obligation. The plaintiff had surrendered her note to the defendant and that should be sufficient proof of the note having been cancelled. Plaintiff was not going to return a note without receiving the money for it. She knew that the defendant had money, and there was nothing to prevent her from asking to be paid before she parted with the note.

The fact was, Mr. Lo said, that the plaintiff owed another \$200 to the woman defendant and that when the note of \$800 was given to her by the husband, plaintiff did not say that she was still indebted to defendant's wife for another \$800. Under the circumstances, what could be more natural for the woman defendant to upbraid her husband for buying the shop and giving a note of \$800 for it. It must be taken into consideration that the wife knew that the husband had paid too much for the shop, and had also given a note for \$800, after off-setting a sum of \$2,000 owing by the plaintiff to the woman defendant. The woman defendant knew, and the plaintiff knew that the note should not have been given at all, because there was still a sum of \$800 owing to the woman defendant.

Mr. Andrews said that his case was that the plaintiff had sold her business and that she had not been paid for, but instead of that she was given a note, some money which she owed being cancelled against the sale. The note was not honoured and the fact that the plaintiff had returned the note did not prejudice her case.

In his judgment, his Lordship said that he found that the contract of the sale was between the first defendant and the plaintiff. The price arranged for was \$2,800. It was also common ground that a sum of \$2,000 was discharged by mutual arrangement. There was a balance of \$800 and he found that the plaintiff had accepted a note for that amount.

The note was surrendered afterwards by arrangement to the first defendant without consideration. The debt should therefore stand undischarged. The plaintiff here sued the defendant under the original contract and the note was therefore survived.

His Honour then said that he would have to give judgment to the plaintiff against the first defendant for the amount claimed with costs, and also judgment for the second defendant with costs.

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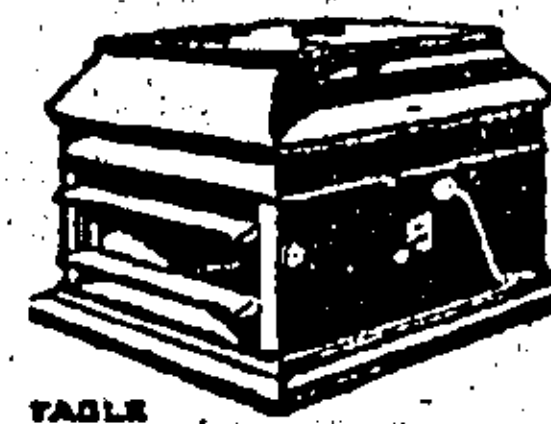
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DIET AS QUESTION OF TASTE.

It is remarkable how persistently the question of diet is discussed in the English papers. Next to the weather and women's fashions in dress the subject is most frequently in the news. The other day in the course of a lecture on health Professor MOUTRIE declared that the City typist eats too little, and the City merchant too much. Of course not all women who work in London are typists, but the word connotes the woman worker in the public mind. The Professor, while deploring the frugality of the typist's lunch, boldly pictured the merchant sitting down to a four course meal.

We are not surprised that he has been challenged on his facts. There is no foundation for the belief which is widely held that in London the typist makes a lunch of a

bun and a glass of milk as a matter of course; on the contrary she has a light but sustaining repast. On the other hand, the idea that heads of firms "do themselves well," as the saying is, in the middle of the working day is fantastic. Anyone who knows London is well aware that business men in responsible positions are most moderate in eating. The "heavy" lunches of other days are out of fashion, and most men are keen to keep themselves fit for golf at the week end.

There still remains the everlasting question of what to eat, and it is still true, in spite of professors and pedagogues, that what is one man's meat is another man's poison. At Professor MOUTRIE's meeting a woman stood up in the audience and said she had been forbidden to eat any of the things recommended as good and desirable. What was she to do? The answer is always the same. Eat what suits you best. Do not bother about the other man. There are, for instance, people who, either from ailments or from some idiosyncrasy, find eggs poisonous. It is not faddism that turns them away from the humble egg but the fact that to eat it would mean illness.

Recently one of the popular novelists stated that the most devastating woman's lunch—so far as he had observed—was one he saw in a restaurant consisting of sardines, poached eggs, and strawberry ice to follow. But the women who were eating this disastrous mixture—at least that is what most of us would call it—were enjoying it, and no doubt preferred it to anything else the establishment could supply. So far as they were concerned the best chef in the world was of small account. The opinion of the experts on food was unimportant. If people like a lunch of sardines with poached eggs and strawberry cream, all that can be said is that they are the sort of people who like that sort of thing.

The vegetarian usually is a vegetarian not because he has a conscientious objection to the flesh of animals, but because he knows meat does not suit him. To take another illustration, spinach is a dish acceptable to most people, but there are others who cannot touch it. Oysters are a poison to some; but the majority of folk regard them as a luxury. In matters of diet there is only one safe rule—everyone to his (or her) taste. CHARLES LAMB used to say in his quietly humorous way that he ate every dish placed in front of him that he liked, and "left them to fight it out inside."

During the week-end one British case of diphtheria was reported from Victoria and one Chinese (imported) case of enteric. The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 31st amounted to 114,205 tons, and the sales during the period to 98,170 tons. The South China Command Annual Rifle Meeting will be held on "A" and "B" ranges, Kowloon to-day and to-morrow for British Units, while Thursday 19th is reserved for Indian troops. Mr. A. K. Raven's dog was reported to have taken a dislike to a post man and bitten him in the leg. The man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital and the animal to the dog's home for observation. Among the passengers arriving yesterday by the s.s. "President Jackson" were Mr. O. N. Brown who is with the National City Bank and Mr. John S. Mosher an American Foreign Service Officer, who is en route to Canton, China.

For stealing twenty fathoms of Manila rope from the s.s. *Hakusan Maru* a Chinese coolie employed at the Kowloon Godown was sentenced by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy to six weeks' hard labour. It was stated that the defendant was seen to throw the rope over the side of the ship by an Indian watchman who arrested him.

There is no business of public interest on the agenda for the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board which is to be held this afternoon at 4.15 p.m. Only routine matters dealing with cattle and swine returns reports on water supplies and results of the examinations made under the "Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896" will come up for discussion.

P.W.D. LAND SALE.

NO BIDS.

There were no buyers present at the public Land Sale advertised to be held at the P.W.D. office yesterday afternoon. The usual formalities were observed and the hammer knocked to a no-bid sale.

The land in question was of a total area of 500,000 feet, on Pillar Island in Ramblers Channel, known as Tsun Wan Marine Lot No. 3.

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ROULETTE IN QUEEN'S ROAD HOUSE.

THIRTY-EIGHT GAMBLERS' ARRESTED.

\$1,291.05 COLLECTED FROM THE TABLES.

When the police raided No. 540, Queen's Road West, thirty-eight people were found gambling at roulette.

The gamblers were all summoned to appear before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Court, but of the thirty-eight only eighteen made an appearance. The others had their bail of \$100 estimated.

Seven of the gamblers who appeared in Court and were on bail at \$250 each were represented by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida a Castro.

The gambling, according to the police, was for big sums and \$1,291.05 was found on the seven persons charged, with keeping the gambling den. Counsel for defendants asked the Magistrate to reduce the bail of his clients, but Mr. Lindell replied that he did not think bail at \$250 was too heavy. He fixed the date of the hearing for 11 a.m. on Monday the 23rd instant.

WAITER STABBED IN A TEA SHOP.

WANCHAI STALL HOLDER ACCUSED.

A Chinese was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday with stabbing and causing grievous bodily harm to a Chinese waiter at a tea-shop on March 13th.

Defendant who was represented by Mr. Hin Shing Lo, said that he knew nothing about the affray. He was at the time in question visiting some friends. News of the incident was brought to him by someone, who told him that the assault took place near his stall at the Wanchai Market, and that his father and brother had been arrested.

Defendant said that he at once went to the scene, but before he got there, he met a Chinese constable who had his brother in custody. Defendant was also taken to the police station where he was asked certain questions and made to sign a form. He said that he and his father held a meat stall license, and that for the last ten years, he had been in charge of the business.

Defendant's father gave corroborative evidence, and Mr. Hin Shing Lo wished to subpoena other witnesses the case was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

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The new Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. premises in the City Hall are to be opened shortly and an appeal to residents has been sent out to help in the matter of securing an adequate supply of papers, magazines and books.

The appeal is signed by Mrs. Jackman, 403, The Peak; Mrs. G. Murray, 287, The Peak; Mrs. A. C. Franklin, P.O. Box 482; Mrs. Remington, Thorpe Manor; Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, 514, The Peak; Mr. J. C. Grenham, N. & M. Y.M.C.A.

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THE "EMPERESS OF CANADA."

RUMOUR OF INVADING PIRATES DENIED.

A GUARD TO MAKE PASSENGERS FEEL HAPPY.

Owing to prevalent but quite unfounded rumours that pirates were planning an attempt on the C.P. liner *Empress of Canada* a military guard will sail with the vessel when she leaves here for Shanghai to-morrow.

This is not because the Company has the least belief in these rumours but entirely to allay any apprehension on the part of the passengers.

Our representative was informed yesterday that the G.O.C. Major-General Luard, C.B., C.M.G., had been very pleased to detail a military unit of about 50 British soldiers under a junior Commissioned Officer to make the trip to Shanghai and then return by the next boat. "His Excellency evidently considered it a pleasant little holiday trip for them," said one of the C.P.R. officials with a smile. "They will travel in the 2nd saloon, and we shall give them a very good time."

The original rumour was started in Manila by an over-imaginative passenger who spread a most circumstantial story of an invading army of pirates held in check by shadowing warships and a guard of marines on the ship itself. This was supposed to have occurred on the last trip from Shanghai to Hong Kong.

The gem of his narrative was that 650 pirates had been disarmed at Hong Kong and marched off to the local gaol.

The story arose evidently from the presence on board of a marine draft travelling to Hong Kong and the fact that the liner was late in arriving at Manila owing to an engine defect repaired in Japan.

"The idea of pirates attempting to seize a great ship like the *Empress of Canada* is ridiculous," we were told. "There are Europeans all over it and the vessel itself is a perfect warren. It is all different from a coastal steamer where the Europeans are herded together. However, just to make passengers feel at ease we are taking aboard the guard."

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.24 p.m., stated:—

Depression are still shown to the N.E. of the Bonins and over N. China, with a belt of relatively high pressure from the Yangtze Valley to the Sea of Japan. Local Forecast:—East winds, moderate, fine to cloudy.

POSSIBLE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

S.S. "YUET ON" AND A FISHING JUNK COLLISION.

CAPTAIN'S STORY OF THE ACCIDENT.

In connection with the collision which occurred between the s.s. *Yuet On* and a fishing junk, just off Whangpoa, it is possible that, in reply to the protests lodged with the Canton Authorities, a Court of Enquiry will be held at Canton. The collision occurred on the morning of March 31st, just off Whangpoa the fishing junk being cut in two by the *Yuet On*, and, according to the Canton papers, the vessel continued on her way without attempting to give any help in rescuing the boat people.

The Captain of the s.s. *Yuet On* relating his version of the accident said: "The report made by the *Canton Gazette* and one of the local papers is not true. Just as the *Yuet On* was passing the 'Beacon' opposite Whangpoa she noticed the junk in front of her, and blew two blast on her whistle. The junk at the time was sailing well away from the ship, but suddenly turned and attempted to cut across our bows. The engines were at once stopped and set at full speed astern, but it was too late.

"The *Yuet On's* helm was put hard to port, but a collision was unavoidable and her bows struck the sampan cutting her in two. After the collision the *Yuet On* remained on the spot, but did not lower any boats, and it seemed unnecessary, there being two or three other sampans close at hand." "Some firing on the shore," explained the Captain, "was only to attract attention and not at the ship." The cadets of the Whangpoa Academy actually did the firing.

Warning To Other River Steamers.

"The Captain stated that he had considerable experience with river fishing junks, and said that it was a well known superstition among the fishing people that should a sampan succeed in cutting across the bows of a steamer, this would cause any connection between the sampan and the devil (kwai) to be severed by the bows of the steamer. This, of course, would be considered as good luck. "But," said the Captain, "the only good fortune is when the sampan is not caught in the whirl of the propeller." Another theory of the Captain's was that the fishing boats generally laid their nets in the course of the steamer, as they thought that the whirl of the propeller would cause the fishes to run straight into their nets. This was a very dangerous action on the part of the fishing people, and frequently resulted in accidents similar to which happened to the *Yuet On*.

CHARGE AGAINST A P.W.D. STOREKEEPER.

ALLEGED THEFT OF GASOLINE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday the case was continued against a storekeeper employed by the Public Works Department, and another man, of the theft of some gasoline. At the previous hearing the case was withdrawn against a lorry driver who had actually taken a godown in Kennedy Town. His explanation that he had acted on the instructions of the storekeeper being accepted, and he is now to be called as one of the prosecution witnesses. Originally four men were charged but at the first hearing the case against another of the accused, besides the lorry driver, was withdrawn.

At yesterday's hearing a Chinese detective told how he and Det. Sergt. Whelan watched a certain godown on April 5th. The man known as the third defendant took three tins of gasoline from the lorry and paid \$3 to the driver. Witness and Sergt. Whelan came out of their hiding places and arrested the two men. The driver then produced a written order from the storekeeper purporting to authorise him to take the gasoline.

Detective Sergeant Whelan gave corroborative evidence and the case was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

MR. LAWRENCE GIBBS.

HIS WORK IN THE COLONY.

AN APPRECIATION.

With the departure of Mr. Lawrence Gibbs by the s.s. *Changie* on Thursday for Australia, where he is going to spend a short holiday before settling down at Home, the Colony loses the last of the three partners who built up the well-known engineering firm of Denison, Ram and Gibbs. Mr. Denison was the first to retire. Mr. Ram followed him a year or two ago, but both of these senior partners have family ties with Hong Kong. Mr. Gibbs was a bachelor and although he did a considerable amount of honorary work, particularly in connection with the Horticultural Society of which he was Secretary for many years, it is probable that he was less well-known to the public than either of his associates in business. He lived quietly at Taiipo and his chief recreation, apart from botany and horticulture, was walking. He was never so happy as when taking long rambles through the New Territories with the by-paths of which he was probably more familiar than any other European resident of the locality. Upon these walks he would study the flora of the district with the enthusiasm of the expert and a few months before his departure he embodied the knowledge thus gained in a very readable little book on Hong Kong Ferns which was delightfully illustrated from his own sketches.

Turning to his professional career, Mr. Gibbs came to the Colony in 1890 to take up an appointment in the Public Works Department where he was chiefly associated with Surveys, Crown Lands and with Waterworks. He left the Public Works to join the firm of Messrs. Denison and Ram in 1900 and was admitted to partnership the following year. His record, therefore, extends over 38 years in Hong Kong—ten in the Public Works Department and 28 in private practice. Whilst in Government Service he was responsible for the Lai-chikok Waterworks scheme and catchwater and so high was his professional reputation that even after he had left the Public Works he was frequently consulted by the Government on engineering problems. As a partner of the firm he undertook the construction of the Kowloon Reservoir, Shatin and supervised the building of the first motor road—Jubilee now known as Victoria Road. The firm were also the architects of the Post Office and were prominent in development work in the Colony in many other ways. Mr. Gibbs' name was placed on the first list of Authorised Architects which was published on the introduction of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance in 1903 and he is one of the very few who still remain on that original list. Many times he has acted as arbitrator under the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance. He was a Justice of the Peace of Hong Kong, and, of course, a member of the Institute of Engineers.

As will be seen, during his long residence in Hong Kong Mr. Gibbs, quietly and unostentatiously carried through a considerable amount of valuable work from which the Colony is now reaping the benefit. Although he did not come prominently into the lime-light he had a wide circle of personal friends who will miss him, but whose best wishes for his future will follow him in his retirement.

The firm of Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs is now carried on by Mr. E. F. R. Sample.

CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S VICTORY IN SHANTUNG.

HEAVY CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES.

KIANGSI TROOPS TO AID KUOMINTANG.

SOUTHERN SUCCESS ON SHANTUNG COAST.

Reports from the vernacular papers to-day show that Marshal Feng Fu Hsiang has very definitely changed the locality of his activities. He now claims to be 80 miles south-west of Tsining, where he has captured Kuys after suffering heavy losses. If this claim is true, Tsining is in a very serious condition, especially in view of the steady advance of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

There is no very definite news of Marshal Chiang's advance, but the Pukow Railway Station has been requested by Hsueh head-quarters not to allow passenger traffic, so that the railway may be used purely for the transportation of troops.

The 17th Southern Army Corps, which yesterday announced that it had entered Jihchao on the coast of Shantung, now states that it has gained full control there, and is advancing towards Chuchow. The intention is to establish communications with Marshal Chiang Kai Shek and act in conjunction with him.

FENG'S VICTORY IN SHANTUNG.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang telegraphed to Nanking last Saturday stating that his forces operating in Southwestern Shantung took Kuys, about 80 miles southwest of Tsining, on the morning of the 14th. The enemy retreated toward Kacheng. This victory was a costly one and both sides suffered very heavily. Tsining is now in a very critical position.

SOUTHERN TROOPS BY RAIL.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

Owing to the rapid advance of the Southern troops in Shantung, the Kuomintang military headquarters at Hsueh, has sent a telegram to the Pukow Railway Station asking them temporarily to suspend passenger traffic in order to facilitate military transportation.

GENERAL STAFF COUNCIL.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek proceeded to Lincheng yesterday for the purpose of informing his leading officers of his future plan of campaign. On the same evening he returned to Hsueh.

IMMIGRATION TAX ON CHINESE.

A PHILIPPINES SUGGESTION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MANILA, April 16th.

Let the Chinese in, but first make them pay an "entrance fee" of P.200 each, advises Vicente del Rosario, chief of the executive bureau.

The suggestion is made in connection with the plan of certain legislative leaders to ease the immigration law at the next legislative session.

Mr. Del Rosario would limit the number of Chinese who may come to the islands to one million. He figures that at the rate of P.200 each, by the time the 1,000,000 limit is reached, the government would be P.200,000,000 richer.

This money can be profitably used for public improvements, he stated.

AVALANCHE HAVOC IN CHILE.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, April 15th.

According to unconfirmed newspaper despatches, 200 persons and 30,000 head of livestock, together with many farms, were buried by an avalanche at Ciudad Talca in the region of the Cordillera. Communication with Talca is cut off, but salvage parties have been despatched to help in the rescue work. Owing to the bad roads, however, the rescue parties will not be able to reach the scene of the disaster for several days.

THE RUBBER QUESTION.

ORMSBY GORE'S REPUDIATION.

HIS VISIT TO JAVA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SINGAPORE, April 16th.

Mr. Ormsby Gore, interviewed at Kuala Lumpur, repudiated portions of the published version of his Ipoh Speech.

He said he stated on that occasion that he was quite unaware of the considerations leading to the announcement of the British Cabinet's decision, as the evidence was confidential and outside his knowledge.

He had not said that the increase of the pivotal price had wrecked the scheme; he merely quoted the alteration of the pivotal price as an example of Government intervention in the business question, adding that when the Government intervened and things went wrong, the Government was invariably blamed.

He denied that he was going to Java to investigate the rubber position. He was going to see the remarkable scientific work in connection with fundamental research in tropical crops.

He had no authority and no intention of discussing the economic or business aspects of the rubber industry whether in Malaya, Java or Ceylon.

There was no reason to suppose that the Government's decision was other than final.

DUTCH AND BRITISH CONFERENCE.

RUBBER GROWERS MEET.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, April 16th.

Seven British and seven Dutch rubber producers met at an informal private conference in London to-day.

SOLOMON ISLAND MURDERS.

LEADER SENTENCED TO DEATH.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TULAGI, April 16th.

The ring-leader of the Solomon Islands' murders, Basiana, has been sentenced to death.

A cable of November 23rd stated: "The Solomon Islands native ring-leader Basiana has been captured by a stragem, by unnamed native volunteers, six miles from Sinsirango, and has been lodged in goal."

Basiana, who had been deserted by his fellow clansmen, was bound with cane layers and handed over to the authorities at the coast. The natives have celebrated the event by holding a dance.

A party under white command has captured 44 natives suspected of complicity in the massacre of the Commissioner and his party some weeks ago.

A further search is being made for the chief Norgu, who is believed to be one of the ring-leaders.

SNOW IN ENGLAND.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

LONDON, April 16th.

There are wintry conditions throughout England, with heavy falls of snow and sleet as a result of a depression from Europe.

TO WORK FOR FORD.

RUBBER GATHERERS TREK TO PARA.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 15th.

Believing that Mr. Henry Ford's rubber plantation in the State of Para will offer better working conditions and higher wages, rubber gatherers on the Upper Amazon are trekking down river to "work for Ford."

The exodus has become so pronounced that all the rubber plantations in the State are over-run by labourers, and planters in the Upper Amazon have asked the Government to interfere.

ARCTIC FLIGHT.

DESCENT TO POLE BY LADDER.

EXCITING JOURNEY TO SEDDIN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BERLIN, April 16th.

The *Italia* has arrived at Seddin, Pomerania, after a 30 hours thrilling flight through storms.

LONDON, April 16th.

The briefing received by the North Polar airship "Italia" in the storm, as described in a message from Berlin, reads almost like a Transatlantic flight.

The distance from Milan to Seddin is only 700 miles. The airship took thirty hours, because she lost her bearings in Silesia after a terrible time over the Carpathians.

The observatory and wireless station at Lindberg put them right and the aerodrome at Gleiwitz tried to persuade them to land, but Nobile decided to carry on.

The "Italia" was considerably damaged, her port stabiliser being partly torn off in the storm in Silesia, while one motor was disabled. Great difficulties attached to the landing at Seddin.

The First Stage.

ROME, April 15th.

A new North Polar aerial expedition began this morning when the Italian airship *Italia* left Milan, commanded by General Nobile, for the Naval hangar at Seddin, near Stolp, Pomerania, where it will remain for a fortnight before resuming its journey to the expedition's base at Spitzbergen.

The steamer *Citta di Milano*, the parent ship of the expedition, is now proceeding to Spitzbergen. General Nobile accompanied Nansen's flight to the North Pole.

Staff of Scientists.

The objects of the present expedition are principally scientific observations and studies.

Two trips are planned from King's Bay, Spitzbergen, the first to the North Pole and the second to Prince Nicholas, the Second Island.

General Nobile was recently reported as saying that he hoped to anchor the *Italia* over the North Pole and descend by means of rope ladders.

The Pope has presented him with a large hollow cross, to be deposited at the Pole, in which a record of the expedition will be inserted.

General Nobile is accompanied by a large staff of specialists, including Professor Pontremoli of Rome University, the Swedish Professor Malingreen and a meteorological expert.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

A LIVELY DISCUSSION.

DISCREPANCIES IN FRENCH FIGURES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GENEVA, April 16th.

There was a somewhat lively two-hour discussion at this morning's sitting of the Opium Conference, with regard to the enormous quantities of opium introduced into France and the absence of full information in regard to its utilization.

M. Bourgeois, in his reply, stated that fuller details could be furnished as soon as the Geneva Opium Convention of 1925 was ratified. He added that 60 per cent. of the opium was used for medicinal purposes, the remaining 40 per cent. for the manufacture of morphine.

After hearing M. Bourgeois' explanation, Count Sato moved the closure of the discussion. The chairman hoped that M. Bourgeois would eventually clear up the large discrepancies between the figures of French imports and exports.

GOLD STANDARD IN NORWAY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

OSLO, April 16th.

An order in Council announces the decision to re-establish the gold standard and allow the export of gold from May 1st.

JAPAN GOVERNMENT ACTION.

RADICALISM TO BE STAMPED OUT.

EDUCATIONAL OPPOSITION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, April 16th.

Though the Government appears anxious to make a wholesale clearance of radical professors and students, and to curtail the study of social sciences, opposition against these drastic measures is voiced in sections of the Press, while many educationalists are equally opposed.

It is indicative of the growing feeling in this respect that the heads of the Kyoto University have decided to oppose the Government's proposal to dismiss the well-known radical professor Kawakami. They also oppose the expulsion of radical students and the dissolution of social sciences groups till thorough investigations have been made.

Other seats of learning are reported to be taking a similar stand.

UNIVERSAL PEACE.

FURTHER PRESS COMMENT.

DEEP CONSIDERATION NEEDED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 15th.

The United States' proposals to the great Powers, to sign a multilateral treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy continue to be the subject of newspaper comment. The significance of the proposal is fully recognised and the American note is regarded as signalling at the very least the re-entrance of the United States into that international area which she quitted when she refused association with the League of Nations. Her return is heartily welcomed.

It is, too, taken for granted that the proposals will be examined and responded to with goodwill, particularly in Britain where as the *Sunday Times* points out no Government suspected of aggressiveness or of desire for war could last for a week. The *Sunday Times* adds that the examination of the proposals must, however, be thorough, for once given, Britain's word will always be honourable. For this reason it cannot be given lightly.

Liabilities To League.

Discussing some of the considerations which the note raises, it examines the questions already put by the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, as to whether the new proposals in any way conflict with liabilities assumed under the Covenant of the League Nations and Locarno, which, while seeking to guard against war, envisage its possibility in certain circumstances.

It recalls, too, that even in European affairs, difficulties must be faced including the apparent limitation now proposed to be put on the rights of legislature to declare war. The *Sunday Times* concludes: "On both sides of the Atlantic therefore, there is need for deep consideration and ever present sense of realities if substance is to be given to Mr. Kellogg's inspiring conception."

Agreement For Dictation.

The Observer admits the existence of difficulties, but declares that no difficulties can diminish the significance of the forward movement of American policy. "Locarno marked a stage. It substituted agreement for dictation in continental peace. The very limitation of its aims widened the scope of its effect. We see it now as an indispensable prelude to a renewal of American interest in old world affairs. Mr. Kellogg's Note completes the logic of Locarno. The ideals which inspire it are implicit in every word of two operative clauses of its draft treaty and are explicitly stated in its preamble. The operation for which the world has waited for so many years is at last forthcoming and Britain, equipped as she is historically and geographically to further its intentions, welcomes it with thankfulness."

THRILLING END TO FLIGHT.

PETROL ALMOST EXHAUSTED.

FLYING IN FOG AND SNOW.

AEROPLANE CRASHES THROUGH ICE.

The first stories of the flight of the *Bremen* from Ireland to America reveal the enormous difficulties with which the flyers had to contend. All went well for the first thirty hours, but just when the airmen believed that their flight would be successfully accomplished they ran into appalling weather.

Adverse winds delayed the plane until petrol was almost exhausted, while fog, snow and hail made the task of finding their way almost impossible. Bad visibility forced them to fly low over the sea, and it was not until their fuel supplies had almost given out that they sighted Greenly Island, which they believed to be Newfoundland.

Seeing a small ice-bound lake, they decided to descend, though the plane was not equipped for landing on ice. The machine crashed through the ice and the tail was damaged, but the flyers were not injured.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

CLARKE CITY (Quebec),

April 16th.

The story of how the crew of the *Bremen* sighted land, when petrol was nearly exhausted and they had almost given up hope, was revealed in a brief message from the land wire station nearest to Greenly Island.

The flyers were held up by fog and a change of temperature, and had very little fuel left when land was sighted at 5.30 on Friday afternoon. The flyers believed it was Newfoundland.

They saw a small lake and decided to descend although the *Bremen* was not equipped for landing on ice. Despite the pilot's care, the machine crashed through the ice and the tail was damaged. Relief Expedition.

QUEBEC, April 16th.

A Canadian plane, with two ex-military pilots aboard, landed on Greenly Island yesterday evening, establishing contact between the *Bremen* and the outside world. A second machine will probably land on the island to-day.

Messages from the island are delayed owing to telegraph difficulties. The plans of the Atlantic flyers are uncertain. A brief bulletin states that they expect to make satisfactory repairs and may leave shortly under their own power.

Terrible Conditions.

Before sighting land the *Bremen* encountered difficulty after difficulty. Unfavourable atmospheric conditions compelled them to fly low, after which thick fog came up and the plane entered "darkness." None of the aviators were hurt in landing.

Conditions were favourable at the start of the flight from Baldonnel, but after 30 hours, when the flyers were confident of success, conditions changed.

The compass began to fall, and fog was replaced by snow and hail. The inhabitants of Greenly Island have given the flyers every hospitality.

Story Of The Flight.

CURTIS FIELD, N.Y.,

April 15th.

Six aeroplanes are preparing to fly as near as possible to Greenly Island, carrying newspaper reporters to obtain the *Bremen* aviators' story of their flight.

One newspaper plane, bound on the same mission from Philadelphia, has already passed over New York.

British Enthusiasm.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 15th.

High tributes to the skill and daring of the two German and one Irish airmen who on Friday completed the first east to west monoplane flight of the Atlantic are paid by the Press and public here. Immediately news was received that the airmen had landed on a small ice-bound island off Labrador, telegrams of congratulation were despatched by the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, to President Cosgrave, head of the Government of the Irish Free State, and to the German Ambassador in London.

Frantic Rescue Attempts.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

OTTAWA, April 15th.

Frantic efforts are being made in New York and Canada to restore the Atlantic flyers to civilization, but many hours will probably elapse before the full story of the flight becomes known.

Two aeroplanes which took off yesterday from Murray Bay, Quebec, were forced down owing to the atrocious weather experienced 300 miles from their destination.

The ice-breaker *Montcalm*, which was hurrying to Greenly Island, was driven ashore in a snowstorm. A third aeroplane is now trying to reach the flyers from New York.

Dangerous As Atlantic. It seems that for the first time American journalistic enterprise is baffled.

Newspapermen are eager to risk the 1,500-mile flight to Greenly Island in planes which their proprietors are ready to charter, but the pilots are less impetuous. They realise that the flying will be as hazardous as flying the Atlantic.

AVIATION IN JAPAN.

TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHT.

TOKYO, March 26th.

Despite the tragic death of Mr. Yukichi Goto, one of the four Japanese aviators chosen to make a trans-Pacific flight, the Imperial Aviation Society has not given up hopes in its attempt to secure for Japan the honour of being the first to make a non-stop flight across the world's biggest ocean. A change in the route has been made, however, while the date of the flight has been postponed by a month.

Hanasaki, on the eastern seaboard of the Hokkaido, the largest of Japan's northernmost islands, has been chosen as the starting point, while the destination will be either Sitka, in Alaska, or else Seattle. This new route has tended to shorten the distance the original route was to cover by about 1,000 kilometres. This became necessary because the Air Bureau here found the machine already constructed incapable of flying the 8,000 miles of the originally-planned route. It is expected that the flight from Hanasaki to Alaska or Seattle, via the Kuriles and Aleutian Islands, will take some 40 hours.

The decision to postpone the date of the flight for one month, from August to September, was largely due to the advice of the skipper of the *Arizona Maru*, who has crossed the Pacific 33 times, and is regarded as an authority on Pacific Ocean weather conditions. He told the sponsors of the flight that the island of Hokkaido and its vicinity are clear of fogs in September and that the weather about the Aleutian Islands is comparatively settled during the first few days of the early autumn. All plans for the flight are said to be in good shape, with the exception of sufficient funds. A total sum of Y.700,000 is needed and so far only Y.34,000 has been collected. Of this sum, the flight executive committee has spent Y.50,000 for publicity purposes, so that only a sum of Y.4,000 remains for the flight proper.

Air Funeral Prevented.

Police regulations have tended to prevent the first air funeral in Japan from being carried out. This was to have taken place the day before yesterday. After a consultation and the citing of precedent and authority, high officials of the Metropolitan Police decided that an air funeral was contrary to the spirit of the Peace Preservation Law.

When Anataro Arioka, an instructor in electricity at the Japan Automobile School, died last week, he stipulated in his will that an aeroplane bearing his ashes should rise to a height of 1,000 ft. and from there his dust should be scattered to the four winds. The widow and son of the deceased, according to the will, were requested to follow the "air hearse" in another aeroplane. Arioka's family made every effort to carry out the deceased's wishes, but the police ruled that such a disposition of the ashes of the dead was contrary to established ideas of propriety and forbade the air funeral.

LAWN TENNIS.

S. A. RUMJAHN TO MEET
NG SZE KWONG.

STEVENSON WINS LOVE SET.

On the Stand Court of the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday afternoon S. A. Rumjahn, last year's champion, qualified for the semi-final of the Open Singles by defeating Major W. B. Stevenson in the fourth round. The match, which went to four sets, did not turn out to be as good as expected, the standard of play reaching only that of the average match.

The Major showed considerable enterprise and throughout the match it was he, rather than Rumjahn, who took the initiative in attack. Time and again he scored "aces" by accurate side line driving which drew fourth applause frequently from the spectators, while he had Rumjahn beaten many times at the net. His chief weakness lay in the lack of speed behind his shots, most of which Rumjahn could reach. In all the four sets he had the lead in the opening stages and in the third set, which he won, he showed up in spectacular manner gaining a love set by an all round display. Major Stevenson made few errors in this set, his playing being remarkably accurate.

Rumjahn showed inconsistent form. At times he would fall with an easy shot or an easy return and it was evident that he had not recovered his old time accuracy. His length was as inconsistent as his form. He showed an improvement, however, on his service and did not appear to be troubled by the poor form he showed.

The match opened with the Major leading, but at 3 all Rumjahn playing steadily gathered three games for the first set. The second set went in much the same manner and Rumjahn claimed it after 4 all had been called. A different complexion came over the match in the third set. The military officer played with remarkable accuracy and had Rumjahn completely outplayed on many occasions by side line drives. He won six games at a stretch and continued to show up well in the fourth set which proved to be the best of the match. Both competitors showed good form and a keen struggle took place for the first eight games, which were equally divided, the Major leading all the way. Rumjahn pressed home at this stage and Major Stevenson falling off under attack, the Indian player ending the match at 6-4.

Rumjahn now meets Ng Sze Kwong in the semi-final when a very even struggle should result.

Other Matches.

In the second round of the Open Doubles Y. Sajiki and T. Isomura accounted for F. J. Remedios and J. Silva in straight sets and thus qualified to meet Major Lucas and Major Stevenson to-day in the third round.

(Continued on next column).

SCHOOLS BASKETBALL
LEAGUE.

The tables for the two divisions of the Schools' Basketball League are as follow:—

Senior Division.			
	P.	W.	Lost.
Queen's College	4	4	0
Ying Wah "A"	3	3	0
St. Paul's College	3	3	0
University	4	2	2
Tutorial "A"	4	2	2
Ying Wah "B"	4	2	2
King's College	8	2	4
Wah Yan	6	2	4
Man Sang	4	1	3
Tutorial "B"	4	0	4

Junior Division.			
	P.	W.	Lost.
Ying Wah	4	4	0
Lai Chee School	4	3	1
Wantsai School	4	3	1
St. Paul's College	3	2	1
Y.M.C.A. School	4	1	3
Y.M. Hostel	4	1	3
Ellis Kadocic	3	0	3
King's College	4	0	4

D. S. Green, son of the ex-champion, succeeded in reaching the final of the Handicap Singles "B", by defeating Capt. E. H. J. Larkom in the semi-final yesterday. The match was a grueling struggle from the start to finish, Green emerged victorious by the odd set in three.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—

Open Singles.

4th Round:—S. A. Rumjahn beat Major W. B. Stevenson, 6-3, 6-4, 6-6.

Open Doubles.

2nd Round:—Y. Sajiki and T. Isomura beat F. J. Remedios and J. Silva, 6-3, 6-4, 8-6.

Handicap Singles "A."

Semi-final:—D. S. Green (rec. 15/1) beat Capt. E. H. J. Larkom (rec. 4/6), 7-5, 5-7, 6-6.

3rd Round:—W. B. Cornaby (rec. 2/6) beat C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 15/1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.

Mrs. Armstrong and G. W. Sewell (owe 15/3) beat Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Womack (rec. 15), 6-3, 6-4.

Mrs. Remington and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6) beat Mrs. C. E. F. James and A. D. Humphreys (owe 15/3), 6-3, 6-1.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

Open Doubles.

3rd Round:—Major Lucas and Major Stevenson and Y. Sajiki and T. Isomura.

2nd Round:—Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung v. Lee Wai Tsoi and Lee Woon Tsoi.

Handicap Singles "B."

Semi-final:—H. V. Parker (rec. 15) v. J. Barrow (owe 15).

Handicap Doubles.

Semi-final:—H. R. Phelps and C. C. Stark (rec. 1/6) v. W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 2/6).

Mixed Doubles.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. F. J. Wyatt (rec. 3/6) v. Mrs. Armstrong and G. W. Sewell (owe 15/3).

GOLF NOTES.

[By R.H.H.]

The Easter competitions were something of a personal triumph for Dr. Kirk who won the Shanghai Visitors' Cup by six clear shots, had the best single round, and halved the Bogey Pool. The difficulty of the greens at Easter very clearly divided the sheep from the goats and the same names appear at the top in all the competitions. It may not have been the approaches and the putts which made the difference, but I expect it was: full shots seemed easy enough and did not bump off the course in the way that short ones did.

Musson's net 68 in the Medal set a standard which would take a lot of beating, and Bruce's 80-8-71 was a good second, especially as he has recently had his handicap reduced. The surprising result was in the Bogey Pool. Out of 160 attempts there were only two returns of 2 up and no one could do better than this. Though the entries are almost, if not quite, a record, the Medal results, with only 49 cards out, are comparatively much better. The condition of the course was more fitted for steady figures than for the more spectacular type of golf which often wins bogey competitions, but still one would have expected at least one person out of so many to have gone off the deep end and to have put in a 5 up or so.

To have top dressing on greens, most of the Old Course greens had been treated over the week-end, is a necessary evil of the present, and an unqualified blessing in the future. It is, of course, a temporary annoyance, but obviously one cannot give vent to this annoyance when it is all done for one's own good and the good of the community. On the other hand, one might well thank the Green Committee for the very reasonable dimensions of the untreated parts, which enabled one to play the round without much bother and fuss.

It is beginning to get hot out at Fanling, and numbers are thinning out already. Starting times on Sunday still made a reasonably good showing, but the course was pretty empty on Saturday afternoon. Not only that, but the super-enthusiasts, who believe in three rounds on the Old Course and then the short nine just to finish things off neatly, have wilted. One cannot blame them.

Now that the evenings are so much longer and the railway has adopted its summer time table, those who do not stay out for Saturday or Sunday night at Fanling may nevertheless share what is in many ways the best round of the day. To talk about the beauties of the country and the evening light would make it appear that the weekly column is wearing a bit thin. Still these beauties are a very real part of the best, especially should it be the third round of the day, and they are by no means invariably detrimental to good golf. Both one's mind and body are a little weary after the labour and heat of the day, and in the evening, when one sets out rather more light-heartedly without those awful bugbears, card and pencil, the prayers of earlier rounds are answered, and shots go where they should.

Another advantage of the evening round is this, though many people have argued the point with me before now. It applies not to that or those super-human few who always hole from seven feet, but to the many who are glad enough to see any putt, be it short or long, safely in the tin. But to the point, which is that it is rather easier to putt in the dusk than in the full light of day. The difference is mainly mental, I suppose. One sees the contours of the green, but one does not see those minute difficulties on and around the line, on which one lays far too much importance. Also, in the half light distances look rather bigger than by day and so one hits the putt a little more firmly and gives the hole a chance.

The more one thinks of this evening round the more pleasant it appears. One is just tired enough not to try to flog the ball into the next county and so shots go quite as far and quite as straight as usual. In fact, the earlier rounds should be little more than a kind of ritualistic preparation for this idealistic dying close.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES.

CHARTERED BANK v. HONG KONG BANK.

Singles.			
	A. H.	E. D.	
Ferguson	14	Black	0
T. L.	1	J. H.	0
Christie	1	Ralkes	0
D. J.	1	G. B.	0
Gilmore	11	Dunnott	0
J. Cameron	11	R. A. Green	0
A.	1	V. M.	0
Brearily	0	Grayburn	13
J. M. Norrie	0	M. G. Mills	12
D. Beath	1	R. P. Moodie	2
J. H.	1	F. H.	1
Ashworth	0	Swayne	14
	54		44

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LADY DE BATHE.

NICE. The Monte Carlo police have arrested an Italian named Giulio Toi, aged 24, charged with the theft of nearly £1,000 worth of jewellery from Lady de Bathe (formerly Miss Lily Langtry) at her villa, Le Lys. Only one of the missing jewels, a ring, has been recovered.

FOURSONES.

Ferguson and	Black	
Bearley	Grayburn	0
Christie and	Ralkes	0
Norrie	Mills	1
Gilmore and	Dunnott	0
Cameron	Green	0
Beath and	Moodie	2
Ashworth	Swayne	2
		24

Total:
Chartered Bank 114 points
Hong Kong Bank 64

MARRIED v. BACHELORS AND
GRASS WIDOWERS.

AT SHEKO CLUB.

Singles: 18 Holes (Morning).			
H. S. Hills	0	R. Gordon	1
E. S. Cassidy	11	A. Murdoch	0
E. E.	1	G. E.	0
Greensmith	1	J. W.	0
Thomson	0	Alabaster	1
C. L. Sandes	0	D. H. Blake	0
A. Cameron	1	R. C. Tredwell	0
P. W. Parker	1	H. B. Sturt	0
H. B. L.	1	J. H.	0
Dowbiggin	1	Little	0
H. Sheldon	1	Bulmer-Johnson	0
Commodore J.	1	W. E. L.	0
L. Pearson	1	Shenton	0
	71		2

Shanghai Foursomes: 18 Holes (Afternoon).			
Hills and	Gordon and		
Cassidy	Murdoch	0	0
Greensmith	Towns and		
and Syme	Alabaster	0	0
Thomson	2	Blake and	0
Sandes	Tredwell	0	0
Cameron	2	Sturt and	0
Parker	0	Little	2
Dowbiggin	0	Bulmer-Johnson	2
Sheldon and	Pearson	0	0
		61	4
Singles		71	2
Totals	131		6



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'It's all the same anyway' said the Plain One.

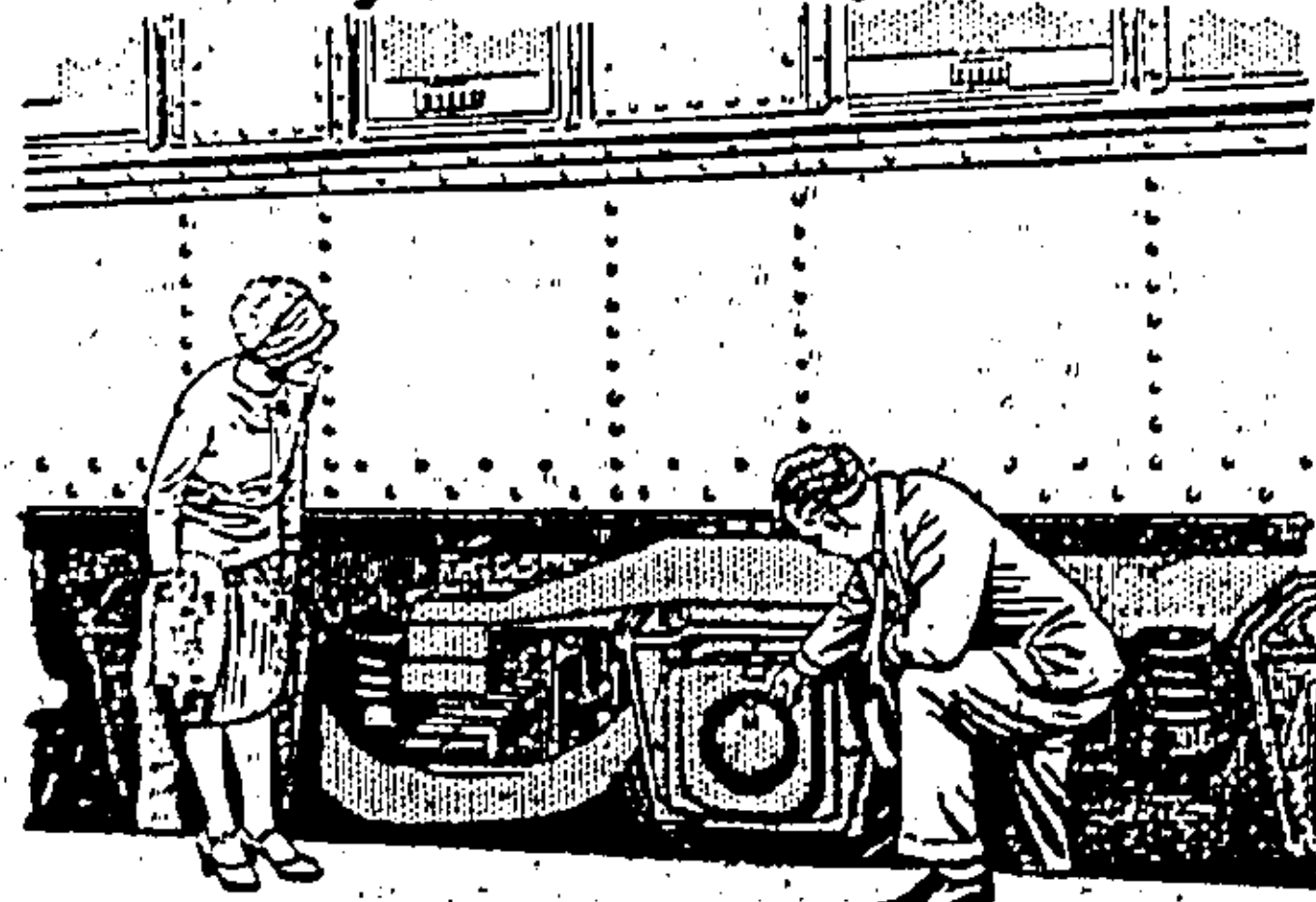
'Precisely' murmured the Old One, 'which is why you're all wrong—you should ask for Four Sandy Macs, please.'

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CANTON'S WELCOME.

The Malayan Chinese Soccer team arrived in Canton during the early part of last week and were accorded a rousing welcome by the athletic circles here. An excellent programme was arranged for the visitors by the Kwangtung Amateur Athletic Federation and they stayed in the Hotel Asia. Among the places visited by these overseas Chinese were the Provincial Government House, the Central Park, the Girls' Normal College, the Yellow Flower Hill in memorial of the 72 National Heroes, the Aviation College, Lingnan University, and Sun Yat Sen University.

The Kwangtung Amateur Athletic Federation gave a Chinese dinner to the visitors at the "Mun Yuen," one of the leading Chinese restaurants in Canton. Many high officials of the Provincial Administration attended including Mr. Tai Chi Tao, Chancellor of Sun Yat Sen University, who acted as toast master, Mr. Wu Tsh Shing, Commissioner of Reconstruction, and Mr. Jim Kook Chi of the Provincial Kuomintang. Messrs. Tai, Wu and Jim representing respectively the Political Council, the Provincial Administration, and the Provincial Kuomintang, all spoke on behalf of the Nationalist Government at the banquet.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The fifteenth competition for the Taikoo Challenge Cup between members of the staffs of Butterfield & Swire, Taikoo Sugar Refinery, Taikoo Dockyard, and China Navigation Co., Ltd., took place at the Taikoo Rifle Range on Sunday morning. The following practices were carried out:-

- 200 yards, deliberate, 4 ft. musketry target, 5 rounds
- 200 yards, snapshoot, 100 yds. snapshoot target, 5 "
- 300 yards, snapshoot, 100 yds. snapshoot target, 5 "
- 300 yards, rapid, 4 ft. musketry target, 10 "
- 500 yards, deliberate, 6 ft. musketry target, 5 "

The total "possible" number of points is 115. There were 14 competitors, and after a keen contest, Mr. D. C. Wainman won with a net score of 95, which, with a handicap of 5 gave him an aggregate of 100. A consolation prize (presented by Mr. N. S. Brown for the runner up) was won by Mr. K. McLennan (scratch) with a net score of 98. Mr. A. McLennan was third, his net score being 88 plus 5 handicap = 93. The Cup, which was presented by Mr. G. W. Swire, is a handsome one made of English silver and mounted on a blackwood stand, surrounded with small shields on which the Winner's name is inscribed each year. The trophy has to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner, but each holder receives a miniature cup-an exact replica in design of the original. The competition first started in 1908, and previous winners are Messrs. B. F. Chapman, W. M. Scott (twice), D. Young, W. Budge, G. E. Stewart, W. J. Eldridge (twice), C. H. Summers (twice), M. A. A. McIntosh, and W. E. Price.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 17th to 23rd, 1928.

Day	Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	17	7 55	4.9	1 34	1.8
Wed.	18	7 15	6.7	1 03	2.8
Thurs.	19	6 37	8.0	1 24	4.2
Fri.	20	5 59	8.7	1 43	5.7
Sat.	21	5 21	9.0	2 03	7.1
Sun.	22	4 43	9.3	2 23	8.5
Mon.	23	4 05	9.6	2 43	9.9



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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS GOOD.

THROUGH FREIGHT LOW.

With eighteen arrivals and twelve departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the general cargoes discharged for Hong Kong were good. Through freights were very low compared with the week-end figures. Coal was the principal cargo discharged for Hong Kong.

Local imports amounted to 17,292 tons, and seven British vessels contributed 4,771 tons. The best British carrier was the s.s. *Telemachus* from Saigon with 2,000 tons. The s.s. *Tortori* from Saigon had the most cargo for local discharge with 3,322 tons of coal from Wakanmatsu and Sakito. The s.s. *Nand* also carried 3,000 tons of coal from Panmukar Bay and Kota Bharu. Through freights were low and totalled only 6,242 tons. Five British vessels carried 2,093 tons. The best returns were shown by the s.s. *Havre* (Norwegian) with 1,725 tons from Newchwang and Dainy. A Dutch vessel was second with 1,283 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	6
American	1	0
French	1	1
Dutch	1	0
Norwegian	3	1
Japanese	1	3
Chinese	3	1
Total	18	12

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiyang, May 11th.

Changte, June 8th.

Bank Line.

City of Dunkirk, to-day.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of Bathurst, May 11th.

City of New Castle, May 12th.

City of Chester, May 27th.

City of Tokyo, June 6th.

City of Cardiff, June 22nd.

City of Berlin, July 7th.

City of Bedford, June 22nd.

Blue Funnel Line.

Sarpedon, to-morrow.

Helicophon, April 20th.

Orestes, April 21st.

Diomed, April 27th.

Culchias, May 1st.

Talithybius, May 1st.

Maehon, May 2nd.

Anchou, May 3rd.

Merion, May 8th.

Adriatic, May 14th.

Patroclus, May 16th.

Helenus, May 22nd.

Tenebris, May 22nd.

Perseus, May 25th.

Menelaus, May 29th.

Pyrrhus, May 30th.

Victor, May 31st.

Rezenor, June 8th.

Mentor, June 10th.

Tyndarus, June 10th.

Dardanus, June 12th.

Oanfa, June 20th.

Antiochus, June 25th.

Atrous, June 27th.

Aeneas, July 2nd.

Proteclus, July 3rd.

Theseus, July 25th.

Elpenor, August 22nd.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Hatipara, April 22nd.

Takada, April 22nd.

Talamba, April 30th.

Talma, May 1st.

Takiva, May 5th.

Tanhuin, May 20th.

Tidawa, May 31st.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Russia, April 20th.

Dodwell & Co.

Remo, April 28th.

Kendal Castle, May 7th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Malaya, April 27th.

Siam, June 15th.

Danmark, July 18th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Amfura, May 2nd.

Tanda, May 7th.

St. Albans, June 4th.

Glen Line.

Carnarvonshire, April 23th.

Pembroke, May 23th.

Gleniffer, June 8th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.

Preussen, to-morrow.

Emiland, May 2nd.

Vogland, May 16th.

Albert Voelger, June 8th.

Rhein, June 27th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tilikawa, April 23rd.

Tijarawa, April 23rd.

Tijarawa, April 28th.

Tijarawa, April 30th.

Tijarawa, May 7th.

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Messageries Maritimes.

Cont. Faure, April 24th.

Alto, April 24th.

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General Maitinger, May 22nd.

Sphinx, June 5th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Malacca Maru, April 19th.

Mikima Maru, April 19th.

Sawa Maru, April 20th.

Siyo Maru, April 22nd.

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

THIRTEEN BOAT PEOPLE FINED.

[BY LONGSHOREMEN.]

Thirteen boat people appeared before Comdr. J. B. Nevill at the Marine Court yesterday morning. Eight of these were summoned for anchoring their craft within the Southern Fairway thereby causing obstruction to other vessels in the Harbour. All pleaded guilty and a fine of \$10 or 14 days imprisonment was imposed on each of the defendants.

Four others appeared on a summons for lying ashore at a distance of less than 100 yards of low water mark. All four pleaded guilty and a similar fine of \$10 or 14 days was imposed.

The last defendant was charged with attempting to leave the port after dark. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 with the alternative of 14 days imprisonment.

"Legacy" Of Arms And Ammunition.

Visiting a junk lying at Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Sergeant Forster found a rifle and 117 rounds of ammunition, a Smith and Wesson revolver and 40 rounds of revolver ammunition in a cubicle.

When charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court the owner of the junk, a woman, stated that the contraband was left to her by her husband as a legacy. She also stated that she had only just arrived in Hong Kong from the interior and was not aware of the regulations. Her husband who had died several years ago. The junk had only visited the Colony on two other occasions.

His Worship declined to accept the evidence and a fine of \$250 with the usual alternative was imposed.

Berwick Bell Out Of Order?

The master of the s.s. *Hai Hong* arriving here from Foochow and Amoy reports to the Harbour Authorities that the Berwick Bell was not working at the time it was passed on the morning of the 15th instant.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

